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In Omnibus glorificetur Deus.

Reg. SS. P. N. Benedicti, c. lvii.

A

MANUAL OF DEVOTIONS

TO

Our Holy Father Saint Benedict,

ABBOT AND PATRIARCH OF THE WESTERN MONKS;

TO HIS SISTER

SAINT SCHOLASTICA,

Virgin & Abbess;

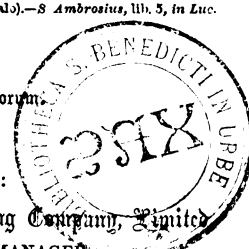
AND TO

ALL SAINTS OF HIS HOLY ORDER.



"Verè dignum et justum est, æterne Deus! et gloriam tuam profusis precibus exorare, ut, sancti Benedicti patrocinio nos adjuvante, debitâ nomini tuo servitute plaweamus."—*Monumenta Veteris Liturgiæ Alemannicæ*, Pars 1: GERBERT, O.S.B.

"Pericli tari magis judicium quam affectum (malo).—*S Ambrosius*, lib. 5, *in Luc.* vi. 45.



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St. Benedict's Manual.

"*Sic stemus ad psallendum, ut mens nostra concordet voci nostræ.*"—Reg. SS. P. N. BENEDICTI, c. xix.

LITTLE OFFICE OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

At Matins.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

℟. Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Alleluia.

℣. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima till Easter instead of Alleluia *is said,*

Laus tibi, Dómine, Rex ætérnæ glóriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, the King of eternal glory.

The above is said at the beginning of every Hour, except Compline.

HYMNUS.*

Cœtus triúmphet cœlitum,
Addátque terra júbilum,

HYMN.

Let saints above, and men below,
Their joy and triumph grateful show,

* See "Opera S. Petri Damiani, O. S. B.," tom. iv.

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Fruátur quod æthéreis
Benedíctus gaúdiis.

That Benedict, with glory crowned,
Eternal bliss in heaven has found.

On the Feast of the 21st of March and during the Octave, the following verse is substituted.

[Auróra surgit aúrea
Festa restaúrans ánnua,
Cum Benedíctus árduum
Cœli scandit Palátium.]

[The morn her golden hue displays,
And ushers in the day of days,
Which saw Saint Benedict arise
In glory to the starry skies.]

Quanta in summis áccipit,
Qui sic in imis cláruit;
Cujus micant prodígia
Per ampla mundi clímata.

When such on earth his honoured name,
What glory bright, what dazzling fame,
In heaven are his, whose deeds sublime
Fill the wide world through every clime.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória!
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur
Per infiníta sæcula. Amen.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity!
Whose love in everlasting rest,
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

Ant. Fuit vir vitæ venerábilis.

Ant. There was a man of venerable life.

Canticum Jeremiæ, c. xvii.

Benedíctus vir qui confídit in Dómino, * et erit Dóminus fidúcia ejus.

Et erit quasi lignum quod transplantátur super aquas; quod ad humórem mittit radíces suas: * et non timébit cùm vénerit æstus.

Canticle of Jeremias, c. xvii.

Blessed be the man that trusteth in the Lord, * and the Lord shall be his confidence.

And he shall be as a tree that is planted by the waters; that spreadeth out its roots towards moisture: * and it shall not fear when the heat cometh.

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Et erit fólium ejus víride, et in témpore siccitátis non erit solícitum: * nec aliquándo désinet fácere fructum.

Glória Patri, &c.

Sicut erat, &c.

Ant. Fuit vir vitæ venerábilis, grátiâ Benedíctus et nómine; qui ab ipso puerítiæ suæ témpore cor gerens seníle, ætátem móribus tránsiens, nulli ánimum voluptáti dedit.

And the leaf thereof shall be green, and in the time of drought it shall not be solicitous: * neither shall it cease at any time to bring forth fruit.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Ant. There was a man of venerable life, Benedict (Blessed) both by grace and by name; who, even from his days of boyhood, bore within him the heart of age, and in his ways transcending his years, yielded not his mind to any sensual pleasure.

In Paschal time **Alleluia** *is added to all the Anthems, and Versicles, and Responses.*

℣. Ora pro nobis Beáte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Deus qui beatíssimum Patrem ac legislatórem nostrum, abstráctum a mundi turbínibus Tibi soli ministráre jussísti; tríbue nobis sub ejus magistério Tibi serviéntibus perseverándi constántiam, et perféctam usque in finem victóriam. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst withdraw our most holy Father and lawgiver from the storms of the world, to devote himself to Thee alone; grant to us, who serve Thee under his guidance, constant perseverance, and complete victory, even to the end. Through, &c.

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At Lauds.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Te Pater alme pétimus,
Ut sanctis tuis précibus,
A cunctis malis prótegas,
Mentésque nostras dírigas.

Dum laudes Dei cóncinis
Terrénas omnes déspicis ;
Hoc nobis quoque óbtine
Hostísque a telo prótege.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória,
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infiníta sæcula. Amen.

HYMN.

Father beloved ! from day to day,
With love untiring thee we pray,
From thoughts of sin, and snares of hell,
To keep our minds, and guard us well.

Whilst thou dost e'er thy voice employ
To praise thy God, in hymns of joy,
Teach us to shun all praise below,
And shield us from our deadly foe.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

Ant. Beátus vir Benedíctus.

Ant. The blessed man Benedict.

Ps. cl.

Laudáte Dóminum in sanctis ejus ; * laudáte eum in firmaménto virtútis ejus.

Laudáte eum in virtútibus ejus ; * laudáte eum secúndùm multitúdinem magnitúdinis ejus.

Ps. cl.

Praise ye the Lord in His holy places ; * praise ye Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise ye Him for His mighty acts ; * praise ye Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

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Laudáte eum in sono tubæ ; * laudáte eum in psaltério et cíthará.

Laudáte eum in týmpano et choro ; * laudáte eum in chordis et órgano.

Laudáte eum in cýmbalis benesonántibus ; laudáte eum in cýmbalis jubilatiónis : * omnis spíritus laudet Dóminum.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Beátus vir Benedíctus plus appétiit mala mundi pérpeti quam laudes ; pro Deo labóribus fatigári, quam vitæ hujus favóribus extólli.

℣. Ora pro nobis, Beáte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

Praise Him with sound of trumpet ; * praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with timbrel and choir ; * praise Him with strings and organs.

Praise Him on high-sounding cymbals ; praise Him on cymbals of joy : * let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The blessed man Benedict desired rather to endure the evils of the world than its praises ; to be worn out with labours for God's sake, than to be exalted by the favours of this life.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

*Deus, qui beátum Patrem nostrum Benedíctum, Abbátem, de ejus quæ in mundo est concupiscéntiæ corruptióne eréptum, Christo fidéliter adhærére fecísti ; quæsumus ut contra sæculi hujus illécebras tuâ virtúte roboráti : bravíum supérnæ vocatiónis constánter pérsequi, et felíciter ássequi valeámus. Per eúndem, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst withdraw our holy Father Saint Benedict, Abbot, from the corruption of that concupiscence which is in the world, and cause him to cleave faithfully to Christ ; grant, we beseech Thee, that, strengthened by Thy power against the allurements of this world, we may constantly pursue, and happily attain the prize of our heavenly calling. Through the same J. C., &c.

* From the Paris Missal.

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At Prime.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Athléta invictíssime,
Sacræque dux milítiæ;
Nos Benedícte válido
Precum defénde bráchio.

His armis execrábilem
Leónis vince rábiem:
Quibus olim tetérrimam
Pellis ab ore mérulam.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória!
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infiníta sæcula. Amen.

HYMN.

Unconquered soldier! great in might,
Our leader in the sacred fight!
In prayer to heaven lift up thine arms,
And save us from hell's fierce alarms.

As erst thou didst by prayer defeat
The unclean bird's most foul deceit,
So now the lion foil, who prowls
With raging thirst, to seize our souls.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity!
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

Ant. Tantam grátiam.

Ant. Such grace.

Ps. i.

Beátus vir, qui non ábiit in consílio impiórum, et in via peccatórum non stetit: * et in cáthedra pestiléntiæ non sedit.

Sed in lege Dómini volúntas ejus; * et in lege ejus meditábitur die ac nocte.

Ps. i.

Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: * nor sat in the chair of pestilence.

But his will is in the law of the Lord: * and on His law he shall meditate day and night.

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Et erit tamquam lignum quod plantátum est secus decúrsus aquárum : * quod fructum suum dabit in témpore suo.

Et fólium ejus non défluet : * et ómnia quæcúmque fáciet prosperabúntur.

Non sic ímpii, non sic : * sed tamquam pulvis, quem prójicit ventus a fácie terræ.

Ideo non resúrgent ímpii in judício : * neque peccatóres in consílio justórum.

Quóniam novit Dóminus viam justórum : * et iter impiórum períbit.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Tantam grátiam beáto Benedícto virtus Domínica contúlerat, ut sub uno solis rádio totum mundum conspíceret.

℣. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

And he shall be like a tree which is planted near the running waters : * which shall bring forth its fruit in due season.

And his leaf shall not fall off : * and all whatsoever he shall do shall prosper.

Not so the wicked, not so : * but like the dust which the wind driveth from the face of the earth.

Therefore the wicked shall not rise again in judgment : * nor sinners in the council of the just.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the just : * and the way of the wicked shall perish.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Such grace had the power of the Lord bestowed on blessed Benedict, that he beheld the whole world contained within a single ray of the sun.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Fac nos, quæsumus Dómine, beáti Patris nostri Benedícti hìc imitári labóres ; ut illic ejus glóriæ partícipes esse mereámur. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, so to imitate here on earth the labours of our Blessed Father Saint Benedict ; that we may, in heaven, deserve to become partakers of his glory. Through, &c.

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At Tierce.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà*.

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before*.

HYMNUS.

Urtícæ junctæ vépribus
Vulnus curant vulnéribus ;
Flammáta mens divínitus
Ignem extínguit ígnibus.

Crucem mittens, ut lápidem,
Venéni frangit cálicem ;
Non valet mortis váseulum
Vitæ ferre signáculum.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória !
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infiníta sæcula. Amen.

HYMN.

Whilst briers' wounds and nettles' sting
His flesh into subjection bring ;
His soul, with love divine on fire,
Feels carnal love in *that* expire.

The cross's saving sign he makes,
And the foul poisoned chalice breaks,—
The fatal cup with death full rife
Cannot withstand the sign of life.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity ;
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

Ant. Erat vir Dómini.

Ant. The man of God.

Ps. cxix.

Ad Dóminum cùm tribulárer clamávi : * et exaudívit me.
Dómine líbera ánimam meam a lábiis iníquis : * et a lingua dolósa.
Quid detur tibi, aut quid

Ps. cxix.

In my trouble I cried to the Lord : * and He heard me.
O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips : * and from a deceitful tongue.
What shall be given to thee,

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apponátur tibi: * ad linguam dolósam?

Sagíttæ poténtis acútæ: * cum carbónibus desolatóriis.

Heu mihi! quia incolátus meus prolongátus est; habitávi cum habitántibus Cedar: * multum íncola fuit ánima mea.

Cum his qui odérunt pacem eram pacíficus: * cùm loquébar illis impugnábant me gratis.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Erat vir Dómini Benedíctus vultu plácido, móribus decorátus angélicis; tántaque circa eum cláritas excréverat, ut in terris pósitus, in cœléstibus habitáret.

℣. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

or what shall be added to thee; * to a deceitful tongue?

The sharp arrows of the mighty: * with coals that lay waste.

Woe is me that my sojourning is prolonged; I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar: * my soul hath been long a sojourner.

With them that hated peace I was peaceable: * when I spoke to them they fought against me without cause.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The man of God, Benedict, was of a mild countenance, and adorned with angelic manners; and such lustre shone around him, that though abiding on earth, he dwelt in heaven.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

*Intercéssio nos, quæsumus Dómine, beáti Patris nostri Benedícti Abbátis comméndet; ut quod nostris méritis non valémus, ejus patrocínio assequámur. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the intercession of our holy Father, the Abbot Benedict, may render us so pleasing to Thee; that what we cannot obtain by our own merits, may be given us through his prayers. Through, &c.

* From the Roman Breviary. In this, and in other prayers where they did not occur, the words "Pater noster" have been inserted, in accordance with the custom of the Benedictine Order.

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At Sext.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Frater quem tunc nequíssimus
Vagum raptábat spíritus,
Dum tuâ virgâ cæditur,
Stabilitáti rédditur.

Tuâ carémtûm grátiâ,
Tellus vomit cadávera,
Devótis unda líquida
Sicca lambit vestígia.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et gloria!
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infiníta sæcula. Amen.

HYMN.

When by hell's spirit led astray,
The erring brother lost his way;
Reproved by thy chastising rod,
He gained new strength to serve his God.

Whoe'er reject thy friendship, those
The earth from its cold bosom throws;
While they who faithful to Thee prove,
O'er waters wild securely move.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity!
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

Ant. Gloriósus confléssor.

Ant. The glorious confessor.

Ps. cxxii.

Ad Te levávi óculos meos: * qui hábitas in cœlis.

Ecce, sicut óculi servórum: * in mánibus domínórum suórum.

Sicut óculi ancíllæ in mánibus dóminæ suæ: * ita óculi nostri ad Dóminum Deum nostrum, donec misereátur nostri.

Ps. cxxii.

To Thee have I lifted up my eyes: * who dwellest in heaven.

Behold, as the eyes of servants: * are on the hands of their masters.

As the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: * so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us.

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Miserére nostri, Dómine, miserére nostri : * quia multum repléti sumus despectióne.

Quia multum repléta est ánima nostra : * oppróbrium abundántibus, et despéctio supérbis.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Gloriósus conféssor Dómini Benedíctus, vitam angélicam gerens in terris, spéculum bonórum óperum factus est mundo ; et ídeo sine fine gaudet in cœlis.

℣. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us : * for we are greatly filled with contempt.

For our soul is greatly filled : * we are a reproach to the rich, and contempt to the proud.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The glorious confessor of the Lord, Benedict, leading on earth an angelic life, became to the world a mirror of good works ; and therefore rejoiceth for ever in heaven.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Deus, in cujus virtúte beátus Pater noster Benedíctus extíncta fecit púeri membra revivíscere ; præsta quæsumus, ejus méritis per afflátum Tui Spíritus, a morte ánimæ vivificári. Per —in unitáte ejúsdem, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose power our holy Father Saint Benedict made a dead child to live again ; grant, we beseech Thee, through his merits ; that by the breathing of Thy Holy Spirit, our souls may be preserved from eternal death. Through, &c.

At None.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Inoline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Totíus orbis ámbitum
Per solis videt rádium,

HYMN.

Though all his thoughts in God on high
Are centred, yet his mind's keen eye

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Mens in auctóre pósita
Subjécta cernit ómnia.

O virum verè cœlicum !
O rerum Dei cónscium !
Germáni videt ánimam
Lætam ire ad cœléstia.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória !
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infiníta sæcula. Amen.

Pervades all earth, and like a ray
Of the bright sun, turns all to day.

O heaven-blest mortal, in whose breast
The Deity's dread secrets rest !
He sees in glory, to the skies
The soul of Saint Germanus rise.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedíctus.

Ant. The man of God Benedict.

Ps. cxxv.

In converténdo Dóminus captivitátem Sion : * facti sumus sicut consoláti.

Tunc replétum est gaúdio os nostrum ; * et lingua nostra exultatióne.

Tunc dicent inter gentes : * Magnificávit Dóminus fácere cum eis.

Magnificávit Dóminus fácere nobíscum ; * facti sumus lætántes.

Convérte Dómine captivitátem nostram : * sicut torrens in austro.

Qui séminant in lácrymis : * in exultatióne metent.

Eúntes ibant et flebant : * mitténtes sémina sua.

Ps. cxxv.

When the Lord brought back the captivity of Sion : * we became like men comforted.

Then was our mouth filled with gladness : * and our tongue with joy.

Then shall they say among the Gentiles : * The Lord hath done great things for them.

The Lord hath done great things for us : * we are become joyful.

Turn again our captivity, O Lord : * as a stream in the south.

They that sow in tears : * shall reap in joy.

Going they went and wept : * casting their seeds.

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Veniéntes autem, vénient cum exultatióne : * portántes manípulos suos.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedíctus ómnium justórum spíritu plenus fuit : ipse intercédat pro cunctis monásticæ professiónis.

℣. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

But coming, they shall come with joyfulness :* carrying their sheaves.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The man of God, Benedict, was full of the spirit of all the just : may he intercede for all of the monastic profession.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Concéde nobis quæsumus, Dómine, álacris ánimis beáti Patris nostri Benedícti commemoratiónem quotídie perágere : cujus divérsis decoráta miráculis Tibi vita complácuit. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may daily celebrate with willing minds the commemoration of our holy Father Saint Benedict, whose life, adorned with many miracles, was pleasing in Thy sight. Through, &c.

At Vespers.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà*.

Ant. Pater sanctus.

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ant. The holy Father.

Ps. cix.

Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo :* Sede a dextris meis.

Donec ponam inimícos tuos : * scabéllum pedum tuórum.

Virgam virtútis tuæ emíttet Dóminus ex Sion :* domináre in médio inimicórum tuórum.

Tecum princípium in die

Ps. cix.

The Lord said to my Lord : * Sit thou at my right hand.

Until I make thy enemies : * thy footstool.

The Lord will send forth the sceptre of thy power out of Sion : * rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

With thee is the principality

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virtútis tuæ, in splendóribus sanctórum : * ex útero ante lucíferum génui te.

Jurávit Dóminus et non pœnitébit eum : * Tu es sacérdos in ætérnum secúndùm órdinem Melchísedech.

Dóminus a dextris tuis : * confrégit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicábit in natiónibus, implébit ruínas : * conquassábit cápita in terra multórum.

De torrénte in via bibet : * proptérea exaltábit caput.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Pater sanctus, dum inténtam oculórum áciem in splendóre corúscæ lucis habére viderétur ; vidit Germáni ánimam Capuáni Epíscopi in sphæra ígnea in cœlum ab ángelis deférri.

in the day of thy strength, in the brightness of the saints : * from the womb before the day-star I begot thee.

The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent : * thou art a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at thy right hand : * hath broken kings in the day of His wrath.

He shall judge among nations, He shall fill ruins : * He shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrent in the way : * therefore shall he lift up the head.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The holy Father, whilst he seemed to have his gaze intently fixed on the brightness of glittering light, beheld the soul of Germanus, the Bishop of Capua, carried to heaven by angels in a globe of fire.

CAPITULUM. *Ecclus.* l.

Ecce conféssor magnus ; qui quasi stella matutína in médio nébulæ, et quasi luna plena in diébus suis lucet : et quasi sol refúlgens sic ille effúlsit in templo Dei.

℟. Deo grátias.

Hic genuflèctitur. ℟. Sancte pater Benedícte,* Intercéde pro nobis. ℟. Sancte, &c. ℣. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.* Intercéde pro

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Ecclus.* l.

Behold a great confessor ; who in his days shone like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and like the moon at the full : and as the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Here kneel down. ℟. O holy Father Benedict, * Intercede for us. ℟. O holy, &c. ℣. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. * Intercede for us. ℣. Glory be

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nobis. ℣. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. ℟. Sancte, &c.

to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ℟. O holy, &c.

HYMNUS.

Sanctæ soróris spíritum
Omni labe purissimum,
Instar colúmbæ cándidæ,
Cœlum videt ascéndere.

Beáta demum córpora
Unum claudit sarcóphagum ;
Mens quibus una fúerat
Par cœlo servat glória.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória !
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur
Per infiníta sæcula. Amen.

HYMN.

He sees his sainted sister's soul,
All pure, and free from sin's control,
Like some fair, white, and lovely dove,
Take wing, and mount to bliss above.

At last their sacred dear remains
One hallowed tomb in peace contains ;
Their souls, which here were joined in love,
In glory now are joined above.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

℣. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Benedícte.
℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

Ant. Sanctíssime conféssor.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Ant. O most holy confessor.

CANTICUM.

Magníficat : * ánima mea Dóminum.
Et exultávit spíritus meus : * in Deo salutári meo.
Quia respéxit humilitátem ancíllæ suæ : * ecce

CANTICLE.

My soul : * doth magnify the Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced : * in God my Saviour.
Because He hath regarded the humility of His hand-

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enim! ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes.

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericórdia ejus a progénie in progénies: * timéntibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam in brachio suo: * dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui.

Depósuit poténtes de sede: * et exaltávit húmiles.

Esuriéntes implévit bonis: * et dívites dimísit inánes.

Suscépit Israel púerum suum: * recordátus misericórdiæ suæ.

Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros: * Abraham et sémini ejus in sæcula.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Sanctíssime Conféssor Dómini, monachórum Pater et dux Benedícte, intercéde pro nostra omniúmque salúte.

maid: * for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because He that is mighty hath done great things to me: * and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generations: * to them that fear Him.

He hath showed might in His arm: * He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: * and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: * and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel His servant: * being mindful of His mercy.

As He spoke to our Fathers: * to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory, &c.

Ant. O most holy Confessor of the Lord, Benedict, the Father and guide of monks, intercede for the salvation of ourselves, and of all.

Orémus.

Excita, Dómine, in ecclésia tua spíritum cui beátus Pater noster Benedíctus Abbas servívit; ut eódem nos repléti: studeámus amáre quod amávit, et ópere exercére quod dócuit. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

Raise up, O Lord, in Thy church the spirit wherewith our holy Father Saint Benedict, Abbot, was animated; that, filled with the same, we may study to love what he loved, and to practise what he taught. Through, &c.

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At Compline.

℣. Jube, Domne, benedícere.

℟. Noctem quiétam et finem perféctam concédat nobis Dóminus Omnípotens. ℟. Amen.

℣. Pray, Father, give us your blessing.

℟. May the Almighty Lord grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end. ℟. Amen.

LECTIO BREVIS.

Incipit Prólogus in Régulam Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti.

Auscúlta, O fili, præcépta magístri, et inclína aurem cordis tui; et admonitiónem pii Patris libénter éxcipe, et efficáciter comple. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis. ℟. Deo grátias.

℣. Convérte nos, Deus salutáris noster.

℟. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

SHORT LESSON.

The beginning of the Preface to the Rule of our Most Holy Father St. Benedict.

Attend, O my child, to the precepts of thy master, and bow down the ear of thy heart; and willingly receive, and efficaciously fulfil, the admonitions of thy loving Father. And do Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us. ℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Convert us, O God of our salvation.

℟. And turn away Thy anger from us.

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ps. cxxxiii.

Ecce nunc benedícite Dóminum: * omnes servi Dómini.

Qui statis in domo Dómini: * in átriis domûs Dei nostri.

In nóctibus extóllite manus vestras in sancta: * et benedícite Dóminum.

Benedícat te Dóminus ex Sion: * qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Glória, &c.

Ps. cxxxiii.

Behold now, bless ye the Lord: * all ye servants of the Lord.

Who stand in the house of the Lord: * in the courts of the house of our God.

In the nights lift up your hands to the holy places: * and bless ye the Lord.

May the Lord out of Sion bless thee: * He that made heaven and earth.

Glory, &c.

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HYMNUS.

Te Pater alme pétimus
Pronis mentis viscéribus :
Ut cœlum des ascéndere
Quos doces terram spérnere.

Quæ sursum sunt da quærere,
Sanctam serváre régulam :
Christi fovéri gratiâ,
Demúmque frui glóriâ.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória !
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infinita sæcula. Amen.

HYMN.

Blest Father ! thee we earnest pray,
With humble hearts, both night and day,
That, taught by thee earth's joys to spurn,
We may eternal glory earn.

O ! let our thoughts from heaven ne'er stray !
May we our sacred rule obey !
Be succoured here by Christ's sweet grace ;
In heaven enjoy Him face to face.

Praise, honour, glory, be to Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love, in everlasting rest,
O'erflows our Saint's enraptured breast. Amen.

CAPITULUM. *Eccl.* l. 10.

Quasi vas auri sólidum, ornátum omni lápide pretióso : quasi olíva púllulans, et cypréssus in altitúdinem se extóllens. Et circa illum coróna fratrum. Quasi plantátio cedri in monte Líbano, sic circa illum stetérunt quasi rami palmæ, et omnes fílii Aaron in glóriâ suâ. ℟. Deo grátias.

℣. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Benedícte.
℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Eccl.* l. 10.

As a massive vessel of gold adorned with every precious stone ; as an olive-tree budding forth, and as a cypress rearing itself on high. And about him was a ring of his brethren. And as a cedar planted on Mount Libanus, and as branches of palm-trees, they stood round him, and all the sons of Aaron in his glory. ℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Orémus.

Per intercessiónem sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti custódi nos, Dómine, ab omni diabólico incúrsu; et sanctórum angelórum protectióne defénde: ut ad Te pervenire felíciter valeámus. Per, &c.

℣. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad Te véniat.

℣. Benedicámus Dómino.

℟. Deo grátias.

Intercéssio sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti prótegat nos; et præsídium Beátæ Maríæ Vírginis præsérvet nos; et benedíctio Dei Omnipoténtis, ✠ Patris, et Fílii, et Spíritûs Sancti, descéndat super nos, et máneat semper. ℟. Amen.

Let us pray.

Preserve us, O Lord, through the intercession of our most holy Father Saint Benedict, from all attacks of the enemy, and defend us by the protection of Thy holy angels: that we may at length happily come to Thee. Through, &c.

℣. O Lord hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

May the intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict defend us; and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary preserve us; and may the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. ℟. Amen.

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A Novena of Litanies

IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

The following Novena of Litanies has been formed from three Litanies to be found at the end of an edition of the Rule, printed at Douay, in 1645, and from the titles conferred on our Holy Father by the following writers. (See *Disq. Monast. auctore D. Benedicto Hœften*, Prolegom. xvii.)

1. St. Gregory the Great, O. S. B., Pope and Doctor.
2. St. Zachary, O. S. B., Pope.
3. Boniface IV., O. S. B.
4. Stephen III.
5. Urban VIII.
6. St. Peter Damian, O.S.B., Cardinal, Bishop of Ostia.
7. St. Odo, O. S. B., Abbot of Clugny.
8. St. Bernard, O. S. B., Abbot, Doctor.
9. Ven. Bede, O. S. B.
10. Geoffry, O. S. B., Abbot of Vendôme.
11. Turrecremata, O. P., Cardinal.
12. Baronius, Congr. Orat., Cardinal.
13. Trithemius, O. S. B., Abbot of Spanheim and Wurtzburg.
14. Paul the Deacon.
15. Denis the Carthusian.
16. Gordianus, writer of a life of St. Placid and his companions, extant in a most ancient MS. in the Vatican. (*Surius.*)
17. Faustus, writer of a life of St. Maurus.
18. Aymoinus.
19. The Author of a life of St. Adalbert.
20. Werner Rolevinck, Carthusian.

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LITANIES IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

I.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
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Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*	God the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
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Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater admiránde.	Father, worthy of admiration.
Pater veneránde.	Father, worthy of veneration.
Pater amánde.	Father, worthy of love.
S. B., a púero sanctitáte pollens.	S. B., who wast gifted with sanctity from thy childhood.
S. B., abrúpta vitiórum fúgiens.	S. B., who didst flee from the rough ways of vice.
S. B., eremítici cultûs amans.	S. B., who didst love the hermit's life.
S. B., a Románo paste.	S. B., who wast fed by Saint Romanus.
S. B., séntibus obvolúte.	S. B., who didst roll thyself amongst the briers.
S. B., libídinis extínctor.	S. B., conqueror of lust.
S. B., ruricolárum didáscale.	S. B., teacher of rustics.
S. B., vitæ apostólicæ instaurátor.	S. B., restorer of the apostolical life.
S. B., cœnobiórum fundátor.	S. B., founder of monasteries.

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S. B., regulárum concinnátor.	S. B., framer of rules.
S. B., monachórum præcéptor almífice.	S. B., gentle teacher of monks.
S. B., præceptórum cultor integérrime.	S. B., faithful observer of the precepts.
S. B., errántium redux prudentíssime.	S. B., most prudent guide of the erring.
S. B., mortis spoliátor.	S. B., spoiler of death.
S. B., monstrórum calcátor.	S. B., spurner of demons.
S. B., maleficiórum explósor.	S. B., destroyer of enchantments.
S. B., futurórum cógnitor.	S. B., foreknower of future events.
S. B., Maurum super aquas incédere fáciens.	S. B., who didst cause Saint Maurus to walk upon the waters.
S. B., Plácidum ab aquis líberans.	S. B., who didst free Saint Placid from the deep.
S. B., soróris ánimam in cœlum volántem videns.	S. B., who didst see the soul of thy sister ascending into heaven.
S. B., éxitum tuum Domínici córporis et sánguinis perceptióne múniens.	S. B., who didst fortify thyself at thy departure, by receiving the body and blood of the Lord.
S. B., sublátis in cœlum óculis, inter manus discipulórum ánimam efflans.	S. B., who, with thine eyes raised to heaven, didst breathe forth thy soul in the arms of thy disciples.
S. B., recto Oriéntis trámite a cellâ in cœlum tendens.	S. B., who, by the straight path of the East, didst ascend from thy cell into heaven.
S. B., tandem in cœlo triúmphans.	S. B., who didst triumphantly enter heaven.
S. B., Christum ætérno amóre compléctens.	S. B., who art now enjoying Christ in the embraces of eternal love.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-	Lamb of God, who takest away

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cáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*

℣. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

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Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Quos pii Confessóris tui, Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, voluísti Dómine magistério erudíri; ejus quæsumus méritis, dignáre nos ab insidiatóris fraude protégere. Per Dóminum, &c.

Let us pray.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to defend from the snares of the devil, through the merits of Thy confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict, those whom Thou hast been pleased to instruct by his teaching. Through, &c.

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Pater claríssime.	Father most renowned.
Pater leníssime.	Father most gentle.
Pater piíssime.	Father most affectionate.
Pater patientíssime.	Father most patient.
Flos pietátis.	Flower of piety.
Flos sanctitátis.	Flower of sanctity.
Flos castitátis.	Flower of chastity.
Fúlgida lux sæcli.	Bright light of the world.
Stella religiónis.	Star of religion.
Spéculum perfectiónis.	Mirror of perfection.
Præcéptor taciturnitátis.	Teacher of silence.
Régula paupertátis.	Example of poverty.
Magíster obediéntiæ.	Master of obedience.
Norma abstinéntiæ.	Model of abstinence.
Monachórum præcéptor almífice.	Kind instructor of monks.
Fide firme.	Firm in Faith.
Spe robúste.	Strong in Hope.
Charitáte férvide.	Fervent in Charity.
Mente pure.	Pure in mind.
Córpore caste.	Chaste in body.
Passiónibus vácue.	Free from passions.
Futurórum præscie.	Foreknowing the future.
Grátiâ Dei ornáte.	Adorned with the grace of God.
Spíritu Sancto repléte.	Filled with the Holy Spirit.
Ad altitúdinem angélicæ glóriæ sublimáte.	Raised to the height of angelic glory.
In contemplatiónis ardóre rapte.	Rapt in the ardour of contemplation.
Angelórum choris adjúncte.	Joined to the choirs of angels.
Inter Patriárchas eleváte.	Exalted amongst the Patriarchs.
Prophetárum consors effécte.	Made companion of the Prophets.
Apostolórum collégio sociáte.	Associated to the College of Apostles.
Mártyrum rosis adornáte.	Adorned with the roses of Martyrs.
Confessórum labóribus decoráte.	Decorated with the labours of Confessors.
Monachórum turbis præpósite.	Placed over the choirs of Monks.

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Vírginum líliis redimíte.

Crowned with the lilies of Virgins.

Omnium Sanctórum ágmini adunáte.

United to the company of all the Saints.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*

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℣. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.

℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

* Omnípotens ætérne Deus, qui radiántibus Beáti Patris nostri Benedícti Confessóris tui exémplis, árduum tuis imitábile fámulis iter fecísti ; da nobis inoffénsis per ejus institúta grédssibus pérgere : ut ejúsdem in regióne vivéntium mereámur gaúdiis admisceri. Per, &c.

O Almighty and eternal God, who, by the bright example of Thy Confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict, hast made a difficult way easy to be followed by Thy servants ; grant that we may walk with blameless steps in the path of his institutions, so as to deserve to share his joys, in the land of the living. Through, &c.

III.

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Christe eleison.
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* From the Fulda Missal.

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Pater reverendíssime.	Father most reverend.
Pater præclaríssime.	Father most renowned.
Pater compatientíssime.	Father most compassionate.
Vir adamántine.	Man of great fortitude.
Vir vitæ venerábilis.	Man of venerable life.
Vir sanctíssimæ conversatiónis.	Man of most holy conversation.
Vere serve Dei.	True servant of God.
Lux devotiónis.	Light of devotion.
Lux oratiónis.	Light of prayer.
Lux contemplatiónis.	Light of contemplation.
Astrum mundi.	Star of the world.
Arctíssimæ vitæ magíster óptime.	Best master of a rigid life.
Dux sacræ militiæ.	Leader of the holy warfare.
Dux et princeps monachórum.	Leader and chief of monks.
Magíster mundo moriéntium.	Master of those that die to the world.
Protéctor ad te clamántium.	Protector of those that cry to thee.
Patrátor miraculórum admiránde.	Wonderful worker of miracles.
Revelátor arcanórum humáni cordis.	Revealer of the secrets of the human heart.
Spiritális disciplínæ magíster.	Master of spiritual discipline.
Assecla Patriarchárum.	Companion of the Patriarchs.
Compar Prophetárum.	Equal of the Prophets.

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Sectátor Apostolórum.
Prædéptor Mártyrum.
Pater multórum Pontíficum.
Gemma Abbátum.
Glória Confessórum.
Imitátor Anachoretárum.
Consors Vírginum.
Colléga Sanctórum ómnium.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exáudi nos Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*
℣. Intercéde pro nobis, sancte Pater Benedícte.
℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

Follower of the Apostles.
Teacher of Martyrs.
Father of many Pontiffs.

Gem of Abbots.
Glory of Confessors.
Imitator of Anchorets.
Associate of Virgins.
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Orémus.

Deus qui nos sub Beáti Patriárchæ atque institutóris nostri Benedícti magistério, a sæculi vanitáte convérsos, ad bravíum supérnæ vocatiónis accéndis; pectóribus nostris purificándis illábere, et grátiam nobis quâ in te perseverémus infúnde. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast called us from the vanity of the world, and dost incite us to the reward of a heavenly vocation, under the guidance of our holy Patriarch and founder, Saint Benedict; inspire and purify our hearts, and pour forth on us Thy grace, whereby we may persevere in Thee. Through, &c.

IV.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.

Lord have mercy on us.
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Christe eleison.	*Christ have mercy on us.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
Christe exaúdi nos.	*Christ graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miscrére nobis.*	God the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spíritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trínitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater sapientíssime.	Father most wise.
Pater perfectíssime.	Father most perfect.
Pater sanctíssime.	Father most holy.
Pater vultu plácido.	Father of serene countenance.
Pater mente tranquílla.	Father of tranquil mind.
Cordis mundítiâ clare.	Renowned for cleanness of heart.
Córporis castitáte decóre.	Illustrious for purity of body.
Omnium virtútum ornátu insígnis.	Admirable for the adornment of all virtues.
Reguláris vitæ institútor magnífice.	Noble founder of the religious life.
Innúmeræ sóbolis parens.	Father of a numberless progeny.
Protéctor tui Ordinis.	Protector of thy Order.
Norma religiónis.	Model of religion.
Decor totíus honestátis.	Beauty of all uprightness.
Claritúdo lucis.	Brightness of light.
Prædicátor veritátis.	Preacher of truth.
Doctor géntium.	Teacher of nations.
Vir Deum sápiens.	Man wise in God.
Fámulus Dei studiosíssime.	Most zealous servant of God.
Fidélis et prudens dispensátor Christi.	Faithful and prudent steward of Christ.
Caput ómnium monasteriórum.	Head of all monasteries.
Patriárcha gloriosíssime monachórum.	Most glorious patriarch of monks.

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Confessórum sanctíssime.
Most holy of confessors.

Monachórum præstantíssime.
Most excellent of monks.

Pater tuórum devotórum.
Father of those who are devoted to thee.

Pater plurimórum órdinum monasticórum et militárium.
Father of many monastic and military orders.

Pater multórum Mártyrum.
Father of many Martyrs.

Pater multórum Pontíficum et Confessórum.
Father of many Bishops and Confessors.

Pater multórum Monachórum et Anachoretárum.
Father of many Monks and Hermits.

Pater multárum Vírginum et Viduárum.
Father of many Virgins and Widows.

Pater multórum Sanctórum.
Father of many Saints.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

℣. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.
℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.
Let us pray.

* Deus, qui Beátum Patrem nostrum Benedíctum Confessórem tuum in terris vitâ laudábili decorásti, et in cœlis ætérnâ glóriâ sublimásti; ejus quæsumus suffragántibus méritis, vita nostra apud te commendétur. Per, &c.

O God, who didst adorn Thy Confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict, with a praiseworthy life on earth, and hast exalted him to eternal glory in heaven; grant, we beseech Thee, that, through his merits, our life may be made pleasing to Thee. Through, &c.

* From a Sacramentary in the Monastery of St. Blaise.

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V.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
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Christe exaúdi nos.	*Christ graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*	God the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spíritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trínitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater magne.	O great Father.
Pater pie.	Father most kind.
Pater caste,	Father most chaste.
Pater célebris.	Father most renowned.
Pater laudábilis.	Father most worthy of praise.
Pater insuperábilis.	Father unconquerable.
Imitátor Christi.	Follower of Christ.
Fidélis Dei minister.	Faithful minister of God.
Amátor solitúdinis.	Lover of solitude.
Amátor crucis.	Lover of the cross.
Amátor charitátis.	Lover of charity.
Amátor ómnium virtútum.	Lover of all virtues.
Prælíator fortis.	Brave soldier of Christ.
Erémi cultor.	Dweller in the desert.
Psálmicen assídue.	Constant chanter of psalms.
Instaurátor vitæ monásticæ.	Restorer of the monastic life.
Illustrátor Ecclésiæ Cathólicæ.	Enlightener of the Catholic world.
Propagátor fídei Christiánæ.	Propagator of the Christian faith.
Bone consolátor afflictórum.	Good comforter of the afflicted.

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Benígne diléctor proximórum.	Kind lover of thy neighbours.
Benedictiónibus cumulatíssime.	Filled with all blessings.
Grátiâ benedíctus et nómine.	Blessed both in grace and in name.
Diléctus Deo et homínibus.	Beloved by God and man.
Deo devotíssimè vacans.	Who didst devoutly give thyself to the things of God.
Egrégia religiónis colúmina parans.	Who didst provide choice pillars of religion.
Ecclésiæ paradísum írrigans.	Who didst bedew the paradise of the Church.
Athlétas fídei multos accíngens.	Who didst gird to the combat many champions of the faith.
Virtútum rívulos effúndens.	Who didst pour abroad rivulets of virtues.
Domum Dei mirífice decórans.	Who didst wonderfully adorn the house of God.
Multis iter ad sídera pandens.	Who didst show to many the path to heaven.
Propítius esto. *Parce nobis Dómine.*	Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Lord.*
Propítius esto. *Exáudi nos Dómine.*	Be merciful unto us. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
A prævaricatióne mandatórum tuórum. *Líbera nos Dómine.*	From prevarication in Thy commandments. *Deliver us, O Lord.*
A transgressióne votórum nostrórum.	From transgression of our vows.
Ab incúrsu ómnium malórum.	From the assault of all evils.
Per sanctam conversiónem Beáti Patris nostri Benedícti.	By the conversion of our holy Father Saint Benedict.
Per exemplárem vitam ejus.	By his exemplary life.
Per sanctam paupertátem ejus.	By his holy poverty.
Per ardentíssimam charitátem ejus.	By his most ardent charity.
Per mundíssimam castitátem ejus.	By his most pure chastity.
Per profundíssimam humilitátem ejus.	By his most profound humility.

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Per ferventíssimas oratiónes ejus.	By his most fervent prayers.
Per admirábilem abstinéntiam ejus.	By his admirable abstinence.
Per sancta jejúnia ejus.	By his holy fastings.
Per sancta siléntia ejus.	By his holy silence.
Per mérita et intercessiónes ejus.	By his merits and intercession.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*
℣. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.	℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.	℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Omnípotens et miséricors Deus, qui Beátum Patrem nostrum Benedíctum ad cœlórum glóriam, discípulis vidéntibus, migráre fecísti; da nobis, ut sicut ille egrégius Pastor éxtitit Monachórum: ita nos quoque oratiónibus ejus adjúti, illíus exémpla sectántes, te ampliánte, ad vitam pervenire mereámur ætérnam. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and merciful God, who didst cause our holy Father Saint Benedict to pass to the glory of heaven in the sight of his disciples; grant, that as he was the glorious Pastor of Monks, we, being helped by his prayers, and following his example, may, through Thy gift, deserve to arrive at eternal life. Through, &c.

VI.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.

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Christe eleison.	*Christ have mercy on us.*
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Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
Christe exaúdi nos.	*Christ graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*	God the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spíritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Tríuitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater beáte.	Father most blessed.
Pater exímie.	Father most renowned.
Pater máxime.	Father most exalted.
Contémptor mundi.	Despiser of the world.
Calcátor sæculi.	Spurner of the age.
Vir sanctíssime.	Most holy in life.
Vir accuratíssime.	Most exact in action.
Vir exercitatíssime.	Most practised in virtue.
Vir per ómnia mitíssime.	Most meek in all things.
Conféssor Dei egrégie.	Most eminent confessor of Christ.
Christi athléta.	Soldier of Christ.
Miraculórum operátor.	Worker of miracles.
Dæmonum profligátor.	Banisher of devils.
Mortuórum resuscitátor.	Raiser of the dead.
Arcti trámitis ostensor.	Guide of the narrow path.
Carnális voluptátis dómitor.	Subduer of carnal pleasure.
Contémptor sui.	Contemner of himself.
Glóriæ osor.	Hater of glory.
Sanctitátis amátor.	Lover of sanctity.
Sacri Ordinis institútor.	Founder of a holy Order.
Sacræ régulæ exactíssime servátor.	Most exact observer of the holy rule.
Dux præcípue monachórum.	Chief guide of monks.
Doctor dulcíssime doctórum.	Most sweet teacher of the learned.

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Victor et triumphátor mundi.
Victor et triumphátor dæmonum.
Victor et triumphátor tentatiónum.
Propítius esto. *Parce nobis Dómine.*
Propítius esto. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*
Peccatóres. *Te rogámus audi nos.*
Ut perféctum amórem tuum effúndere, et in nobis conserváre dignéris.
Ut perféctam mortificatiónem sénsuum, et própriæ voluntátis nostræ nobis donáre dignéris.
Ut veram conversiónem morum secúndùm régulam Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, nobis largíri dignéris.
Ut disciplínam monásticam in nobis augére et conserváre dignéris.
Ut contínuum in virtútum acquisitióne proféctum nobis concédere dignéris.
Ut Ordinem sanctum nostrum amplificáre et tuéri dignéris.
Ut perseveránti am in tuo sancto servítio nobis donáre dignéris.
Ut in horâ mortis nostræ, per mérita Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, nos protégere, et ad vitam ætérnam perdúcere dignéris.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-

Conqueror and triumpher over the world.
Conqueror and triumpher over devils.
Conqueror and triumpher over temptations.
Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful unto us. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
We sinners. *Beseech Thee hear us.*
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to pour forth, and preserve in us, a perfect love of Thee.
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bestow upon us perfect mortification of our senses, and of our own will.
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant us true conversion of our manners, according to the Rule of our holy Father Saint Benedict.
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to increase and preserve in us monastic discipline.
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant us continual progress in acquiring virtues.
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to increase and defend our holy Order.
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give us perseverance in Thy holy service.
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe, through the merits of our holy Father Saint Benedict, to protect us in the hour of our death, and to lead us to eternal life.
Lamb of God, who takest away

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cáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*
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℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

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℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

* Benedíctio tua Dómine beáti Patris nostri Benedícti Confessóris tui intercessióne, super nos (†) descéndat; quæ et benedictiónem nobis cleménter operétur, et beátæ immortalitátis dona concíliet. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

May thy blessing, O Lord, through the intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict, descend upon us, and mercifully work a blessing in us, and obtain for us the gifts of a blissful immortality. Through, &c.

VII.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
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Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe audi nos.
Christe exaúdi nos.
Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*

Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*

* From a Sacramentary in the Monastery of St. Blaise. The Secret.
† "Super has hostias."

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Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spíritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trínitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater quiéte.	Father most peaceful.
Pater sóbrie.	Father most temperate.
Pater pudíce.	Father most chaste.
Vir venerábilis.	Father most venerable.
Vir honorábilis.	Father most honourable.
Doctor almífice.	Teacher most kind.
Doctor sapientíssime.	Teacher most wise.
Amíce Dei.	Friend of God.
Exémplum hóminum.	Example of men.
Flagéllum dæmoniórum.	Scourge of devils.
Sublímis dux viæ.	Guide of a sublime way.
Veritátis magíster.	Master of truth.
Vere amíce sponsi.	True friend of the bridegroom.
Organum Spíritûs Sancti.	Instrument of the Holy Ghost.
Regulâris vitæ custos.	Observer of the regular life.
Magnum decus Ordinis Ascétici.	Great ornament of the Ascetic Order.
Rútilans monachórum gemma.	Shining gem of monks.
Virtútum magíster.	Master of virtues.
Mortificatiónis typus.	Type of mortification.
Cujus divítiæ paupértas.	Whose riches were poverty.
Cujus delíciæ cástitas.	Whose pleasures were chastity.
Cujus dignitas obediéntia.	Whose dignity was obedience.
Cujus impérium humílitas.	Whose authority was humility.
Pater Sanctíssime. *Intercéde pro nobis.*	Most holy Father. *Intercede for us.*
Ut Christum in te glorificémus.	That we may glorify Christ in thee.
Ut te toto péctore imitémur.	That we may imitate thee with our whole heart.
Ut status nostri amóre ferveámus.	That we may be fervent in the love of our holy state.
Ut charitátem possideámus.	That we may possess charity.

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Ut cruci Christi adhæreámus.
Ut pœniténtiæ palæstrum decurrámus.
Ut vitam virtútibus plenam agámus.
Ut felíci morte desinámus.

Ut vitæ bravíum consequámur.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*
℣. Interocéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.
℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

That we may cleave to the cross of Christ.
That we may run the course of penance.
That we may lead a life full of virtues.
That we may die a happy death.

That we may obtain the reward of life.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*
℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus,

Concéde, quæsumus Dómine, ut beáti Patris nostri Benedícti méritis et précibus adjúti, et protectiónis tuæ muníti præsídiis, quod te donánte promísimus impleámus, et nostræ professiónis executóres effécti, ad ea quæ perseveránti bus in te promíttere dignátus es, pertíngere mereámur. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that aided by the merits and prayers of our holy Father Saint Benedict, and defended by Thy protection, we may fulfil what, by Thy grace, we have promised; and that, living up to our profession, we may deserve to obtain those rewards which Thou hast promised to those that persevere in Thee. Through, &c.

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VIII.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
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Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater húmilis.	Father most humble.
Pater illumináte.	Father most enlightened.
Pater honoránde.	Father most worthy of honour.
Vir Dei.	Man of God.
Vir sancte et ínnocens.	Man, holy and innocent.
Vir totíus sanctitátis.	Man of all sanctity.
Doctor insígnis.	Teacher most renowned.
Doctor disciplínæ.	Teacher of discipline.
Doctor perfectiónis.	Teacher of perfection.
Abbas abbátum.	Abbot of abbots.
Arx monásticæ religiónis.	Fortress of the monastic life.
Colúmna orthodóxiæ.	Pillar of the true faith.
Decus Ecclésiæ Cathólicæ.	Glory of the Catholic Church.
Exémplum humilitátis.	Example of humility.
Exémplum virtútum ómnium.	Example of all virtues.
Exémplum fratrum tuórum.	Example of thy brethren.
Vitæ nostræ norma.	Model of our life.
Monástici Ordinis Patriárcha.	Patriarch of the Monastic Order.
Monachórum dux glorióse.	Glorious leader of monks.
Magíster religiónis.	Master of religion.

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Magíster totâ mente cœléstia quæréntium.
Master of those who with their whole mind seek after the things of heaven.

Sanctissimórum et doctissimórum patrum Patriárcha.
Patriarch of most holy and learned Fathers.

Magne Cathólici orbis splendor.
Great lustre of the Catholic world.

Totíus Ecclésiæ fulciméntum.
Support of the whole Church.

Templum Spíritûs Sancti.
Temple of the Holy Ghost.

Abraham Novi Testaménti.
Abraham of the New Testament.

Olíva fructífera in domo Dómini.
Fruitful olive-plant in the house of the Lord.

Arcus refúlgens in nébulis glóriæ.
Rainbow shining in clouds of glory.

Candelábrum aúreum in templo Dei.
Golden candlestick in the temple of God.

Sidus novum mundána pellens núbila.
New star dispersing all worldly clouds.

Pater dulcíssime. *Intercéde pro nobis.*
Most sweet Father. *Intercede for us.*

Per generósam fugam, quâ Româ recessísti.
By thy generous flight, whereby thou didst retire from Rome.

Per vários labóres, quos in erémo passus fuísti.
By thy various labours, which thou didst endure in the desert.

Per abstinéntiam et jejúnia tua.
By thy abstinence and fastings.

Per mirácula tua.
By thy miracles.

Per insígnes victórias, quibus calcáto mundo, carne, ac dæmone, triumphásti.
By thy renowned victories, in which having trampled under foot the world, thou didst triumph over the flesh and the devil.

Per Spíritum prophetíæ quo claruísti.
By the spirit of prophecy, for which thou wast illustrious.

Per mérita sanctórum ómnium, quos cœlo genuísti.
By the merits of the saints, whom thou didst beget for heaven.

Per egrégios labóres tot Pontíficum Romanórum, qui ad Ecclésiæ Dei ré-
By the illustrious labours of so many Roman Pontiffs, who were taken from thy Order

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gimen ab institúto tuo assúmpti fuére.

to govern the Church of God.

Per sanctam humilitátem imperatórum, regum, aliorúmque dynastárum, qui suavíssimo régulæ tuæ jugo colla submisére.

By the holy humility of the emperors, kings, and nobles, who bowed their necks to the sweet yoke of thy holy rule.

Per sudóres apostolórum Ordinis tui, qui ad conversiónem géntium intendérunt.

By the toils of the apostles of thy Order, who laboured for the conversion of nations.

Per gémitus abbátum et prælatórum, qui jugo subditórum suórum pressi, pro Christo patiénter anhelavére.

By the groans of thy abbots and prelates, who, borne down by the yoke of their subjects, patiently sighed for Christ.

Per effusiónem sánguinis monachórum tuórum, qui dira passi, meruérunt præmia ætérna.

By the shedding of the blood of thy monks, who, enduring grievous torments, have merited the rewards of eternity.

Per choros sanctárum vírginum, quæ tuo sancto ductu, venérunt ad regna cœléstia.

By the choirs of holy virgins, who, under thy holy guidance, have arrived at the heavenly kingdom.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Domine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

℣. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.

℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

*Aures tuas, quæsumus

Incline thine ear, we beseech

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Dómine, précibus nostris inclína; ut qui peccatórum nostrórum flagéllis percútimur: intercedénte beáto Patre nostro Benedícto, tuâ grátiâ liberémur. Per, &c.

Thee, O Lord, to our prayers; that we, who are stricken by the scourges of our sins, may, through the intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict, be freed by thy grace. Through, &c.

IX.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
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Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
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Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
Christe exaúdi nos.	*Christ graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*	God the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spíritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trínitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater benedictiónis.	Father of blessing.
Pater monachórum.	Father of monks.
Pater Deo dilectíssime.	Father most beloved of God.
Pater Deo charíssime.	Father most dear to God.
Legislátor exímie.	Most renowned lawgiver.
Legislátor beatíssime.	Most blessed lawgiver.
Legislátor excellentíssime.	Most excellent lawgiver.
Virórum sanctíssime.	Most holy of men.
Lux nostræ religiónis.	Light of our religion.
Contémptor mundanárum voluptátum.	Despiser of worldly pleasures.
Cultor humilitátis.	Cherisher of humility.
Magíster discretiónis.	Master of discretion.
Siléntii quæsítor.	Seeker of silence.

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Supérior zelóse.
Pietátis æmulátor.
Vitæ religiosíssimæ institútor.
Devotióne præcípue.
Contemplátor altíssime.
Mundo mórtue.
Prophetíæ spíritu claríssime.
Re et nómine benedícte.
Multíplici grátiâ decoráte.
Providéndi dono illústris.

Potens in verbo et ópere.

Virtútibus divínis elúcens.
In oratióne ardens.
In meditatióne accénse.
In lectióne Sanctárum Scripturárum sédule.
In contemplatióne assídue.
In divítiis glóriæ Dei ubérrime.
In electórum contubérnio glorióse.
Omnium justórum spíritu plene.
Pater sanctíssime. *Te rogámus audi nos.*
Ut pro nobis intercédere dignéris.
Ut jam inter sanctos et eléctos annumerátus, propítium nobis Dóminum conciliáre dignéris.
Ut per obediéntiam, paupertátem, et castitátem Deo, tibíque promíssam, ad cœléstia pervenire valeámus.
Ut ab ingruéntibus belló-rum períeulis, nos et nostra vindicáre dignéris.
Ut auxiliánte Dómino a

Zealous superior.
Emulator of piety.
Founder of a most religious life.
Most earnest in devotion.
Most exalted in contemplation.
Dead to the world.
Famed for the spirit of prophecy.
Blessed both really and in name.
Adorned with manifold grace.
Illustrious for the gift of foreknowledge.
Powerful both in word and in work.
Bright with divine virtues.
Ardent in prayer.
Inflamed in meditation.
Sedulous in reading the Sacred Scriptures.
Assiduous in contemplation.
Faithful in the riches of the glory of God.
Glorious in the abode of the elect.
Full of the spirit of all the just.
Most holy Father. *We beseech thee hear us.*
That thou vouchsafe to intercede for us.
That being now numbered amongst the saints and elect of God, thou vouchsafe to render Him propitious to us.
That by the obedience, poverty, and chastity promised to God and to thee, we may arrive at the things of heaven.

That thou vouchsafe to defend us and ours from all impending dangers of wars.
That through the mercy of God

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peste, fame, et malâ morte liberémur.

we may be freed from pestilence, famine, and an evil death.

Ut prælátos nostros incólumes diu conserváre, et óneri feréndo pares Dóminus effícere dignétur.

That the Lord may deign to preserve our prelates, and strengthen them to bear the burdens laid on them.

Ut veram conversiónem morum, secúndùm sanctam tuam régulam nobis impetráre dignéris.

That thou vouchsafe to obtain for us true conversion of manners, according to thy holy rule.

Ut animábus fratrum, sorórum, amicórum, et benefactórum Ordinis nostri, réquiem ætérnam Dóminus, concédere dignétur.

That the Lord may deign to grant eternal rest to the souls of the brethren, sisters, friends, and benefactors of our Order.

Ut consummáto hujus agónis decúrsu, tecum quoque regnáre mereámur.

That when we have finished the course of our struggle here below, we may deserve to reign with thee.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*

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Orémus.

Let us pray.

*Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui beáti Patris nostri Benedícti abbátis exémplo, nobis humilitátis iter ostendísti ; da quæsumus, ut

O Almighty and eternal God, who hast shown unto us the way of humility, by the example of our holy Father Saint Benedict, the abbot;

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viam tibi plácitæ obediéntiæ, per quam ille venerábilis pater antecedébat, nos prælláris ejus méritis adjúti, sine erróre gradiámur. Per, &c.

grant, we beseech Thee, that, assisted by his merits, we may run, without going astray, in the way of obedience that is so pleasing to Thee, and wherein he himself preceded us. Through, &c.

PRAYERS TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

TO OBTAIN THE GRACE OF A HAPPY DEATH.

In the fourth book of the Revelations of St. Gertrude the Great, Abbess of the Holy Order of Saint Benedict, we read that the Holy Father appeared to her, and promised to assist on their death-bed, and to defend against the attacks of the enemy, all who should frequently remind him of the privilege that had been granted to himself, of dying whilst standing in prayer, in the Oratory of his Monastery.

Ant. Stans in oratório diléctus Dómini Benedíctus, Córpore et Sánguine Domínico munítus, inter discipulórum manus imbecíllia membra susténtans, eréctis in cœlum mánibus, inter verba oratiónis spíritum efflávit; qui per viam stratam pálliis et innúmeris corúscam lampádibus, cœlum ascéndere visus est.

℣. Gloriósus apparuísti in conspéctu Dómini.

℟. Proptérea decórem índuit te Dóminus.

Ant. Benedict, the beloved of the Lord, standing in the oratory, having been fortified with the Body and Blood of the Lord; supporting his failing limbs in the arms of his disciples, with hands upraised to heaven; breathed forth his soul amidst words of prayer; and was seen to ascend to heaven by a way spread with garments, and shining with innumerable lamps.

℣. Thou didst appear glorious in the sight of the Lord.

℟. Therefore did He clothe thee with beauty.

Orémus.

Deus, qui pretiósam mor-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn the

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tem Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti tot, tantísque privilégiis decorásti; concéde, quæsumus, nobis: ut cujus memóriam recólimus, ejus in óbitu nostro beátâ præsêntiâ ab hóstium muniámur insídiis. Per, &c.

precious death of our most holy Father Saint Benedict, with so many and so great privileges; grant, we beseech Thee, that, at our departure hence, we may be defended from the snares of the enemy, by the blessed presence of him whose memory we celebrate. Through.

*Ant.** Beatíssimus Pater noster Benedíctus, et soror ejus Scholástica, quómodo in vitâ suâ dilexérunt se, ita et in morte non sunt separáti.

℣. Córpora sanctórum in pace sepúlta sunt.

℟. Et vivent nómina eórum in ætérnum.

Ant. Our holy Father Saint Benedict, and his sister Saint Scholastica, as they loved each other during life, so also in death they were not separated.

℣. The bodies of the saints were buried in peace.

℟. And their names shall live for ever.

Orémus.

† Deus qui beátum Patrem nostrum Benedíctum et sorórem ejus Scholásticam de te secum colloquéntes, ab ubertáte domûs tuæ inebriáre cœpísti; da nobis quæsumus, sic in te uno gaudére in terris, ut te tandem pérfrui mereámur in cœlis. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst begin to replenish with the plenty of Thy house, our holy Father Saint Benedict, and his sister Saint Scholastica, while conversing together concerning Thee; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to rejoice in Thee alone on earth, as to deserve to enjoy Thee at length in heaven. Through, &c.

‡ Patriárcha gloriosíssime, Sancte Pater Bene-

O glorious Patriarch, holy Father Saint Benedict, I re-

* Adapted. † From the Cluniac Breviary; changed.
‡ From the Benedictine Breviary, edit. Campidonen.

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dícte, admóneo te illíus dignitátis quâ te Dóminus tam glorióso fine dignátus est honoráre, quòd últimum spíritum tuum inter verba oratiónis effláveris; ex quo adhuc tam suáviter spiras præ áliis sanctis, quòd omnes in afflátu tuo mirificè delecténtur: rogans ut in horâ mortis meæ tali fidelitáte mihi velis adésse, quòd oppónas te ex omni parte quâ vidéris insídias inimicórum nocíviùs contra me sævíre; ut tuâ præséntiâ munítus, láqueos inimicórum evádam secúrus, ac cœli gaúdia petam sine fine beátus. Amen.

mind thee of the privilege with which the Lord was pleased to honour thee by so glorious a death, that thou didst sigh out thy soul amidst words of prayer; whence, as thy special gift among the saints, thou breathest forth so sweet a perfume, that they are all wonderfully rejoiced therewith; beseeching thee to be so faithfully present to me at the hour of my death, as to oppose thyself on every side where thou shalt see the assaults of the enemy most violently raging against me, that, defended by thy presence, I may securely escape the snares of the enemy, and arrive at the joys of heaven, where I may be eternally happy. Amen.

* O beáte Pater, grátiâ et nómine a Deo benedícte, qui angélicum tuum spíritum eréctis ad cœlum mánibus, stans et orans, in manus tui Creatóris felicíssime commendásti, atque omnes qui gloriósæ mortis tuæ, et cœléstium gaudiórum quotídiè te admonitúri essent, in suprémâ mortis luctâ contra omnes inimicórum insídias, strénuè te defensúrum promisísti; custódi me, quæso, glorióse Pater, hódiè et

O holy Father, blessed by God both in grace and in name, who, whilst standing in prayer with thy hands raised to heaven, didst most happily yield thy angelic spirit into the hands of thy Creator; and hast promised zealously to defend against all the snares of the enemy, in the last struggle of death, those who shall daily remind thee of thy glorious departure, and thy heavenly joys; protect me, I beseech thee, O glorious Father, this day, and

* From "Diurnale Asceticum Religiosorum," auctore Domno Odilone Schreger, O.S.B.

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quotídiè tuâ sanctâ benedictióne, ut a benedícto nostro Jesu, atque a tuâ et ómnium Benedictórum societáte nullo modo váleam separári. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

every day, by thy holy blessing; that I may never be separated from our blessed Lord, and from the society of thyself, and of all the Blessed. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

* O alme pater Benedícte, dux et légifer meus! grátias tibi humíllimè réfero, quòd me in número filiórum tuórum assúmere, atque innúmeris benefíciis spirituálibus et corporálibus tam patérnè hucúsque fovére dignátus sis. Fáteor équidem, me non esse dignum nómine fílii tui, quia admonitiónes tam pii patris tam ségniter complévi, nec ópera patris fácere stúdui, neque ópere exércui quæ docuísti. Confísus nihilóminus de tuâ patérnâ benignitáte, in spíritu humilitátis et in ánimo contríto, déprecor omnes offensiónes, et transgressiónes, et negligéntias meas; humíllimè súpplicans, præcípuè per mortem tuam glorioísísimam, quando eréctis ad cœlum mánibus, stans et orans, angélicum spíritum tuum in manus Creatóris tui felicíssimè commendásti, ut in suprémâ mortis luctâ, contra omnes inimicórum

O loving Father, Saint Benedict! my guide and lawgiver! I most humbly thank thee for having deigned to admit me into the number of thy children, and for having hitherto paternally cherished me with numberless blessings, both spiritual and corporal. I acknowledge, indeed, that I am not worthy to be called thy child, because I have so slothfully complied with the admonitions of so loving a father, and have not endeavoured to imitate thy works, nor practise what thou hast taught. Yet, relying on thy fatherly kindness, in the spirit of humility and with a contrite heart, I beg pardon for all my offences and transgressions, and negligences; most humbly beseeching thee, particularly by thy glorious death, when, with thy hands raised to heaven, standing and praying, thou didst most happily yield thy angelic spirit into the hands of thy Creator, that in the last struggle of

* From "Ascesis Benedictina—Benedictinus ægrotans et moriens," auctore Domno Ruperto Presinger, O.S.B.

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insídias indignissimum fílium tuum stréuuè defèndere, et a benedícto nostro Jesu, atque a tuâ, et ómnium Benedictórum societáte nullo modo separári permíttas. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

death, thou wilt strenuously defend thy unworthy child against all the snares of the enemy, and wilt not suffer me to be in any way separated from our Blessed Lord, and from the society of thyself, and of all the Blessed. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Et ímpetra nobis grátiam benè moriéndi.

℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. And obtain for us the grace of a happy death.

Orémus.

* O alme Pater Benedícte! rogo te per illam dignitátem quâ in gloriósâ morte tuâ, te honoráre et beatificáre dignátus est Dóminus, ut in horâ mortis meæ mihi velis adésse, et quæ Beátæ Vírgini Gertrúdi promisísti, efficáciter adímpleas. - Amen.

Let us pray.

O dear Father Saint Benedict! I beseech thee, by that privilege with which our Lord vouchsafed to honour and bless thee at thy glorious death, that thou wilt be pleased to be present at my death, and to fulfil in my regard, the promises thou didst make to the Holy Virgin Saint Gertrude. Amen.

* His Holiness Pope Clement XIV. granted a Plenary Indulgence (to be gained once only) to all who, with a contrite heart, recite the above prayer. See Origene, &c., Rome, 1849. In Italian.—"San Benedetto, mio caro Padre, vi prego per quella dignità con la quale il Signore si degnò di cosi glorioso fine morarvi e beatificarvi, che vogliate trovarvi presente alla mia morte, eseguendo in me tutte quelle promesse fatte alla Vergine S. Gertrude."

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PRAYERS TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

BEFORE AND AFTER MASS OR COMMUNION.

BEFORE MASS OR COMMUNION.

* O beatíssime ac sanctíssime Christi Conféssor, monachórum et religiosórum Pater et Dux Benedícte! Ecce ego miser peccátor, qui non sum dignus vocári fílius tuus, nil de meâ justítiâ præsúmens, sed de cleméntiâ Dei et tuis gloriósis méritis confídens, inténdo nunc suscípere (et offérre divínæ Majestáti) cœléste sacraméntum Córporis et Sánguinis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, pro tuâ glóriâ et beatitúdine. Obsecro ígitur te, Pater sanctíssime, per illum amórem et honórem, qui te elégit de mundo, et in conspéctu suo beatificávit, ut dignes sic ardénter oráre pro me, ut tuárum precum intervéntu adjútus, divinissimum mystérium dignè (tractáre et) súmere váleam, et ab ómnibus malis córporis et ánimæ deféndi, ut tandem tecum, et cum ómnibus sanctis mónachis, et áliis Dei eléctis pervenire mérear ad laudándum et possidéndum ejus beatíssimam visiónem æternáliter in cœlis. Amen.

O most blessed and most holy Confessor of Christ, Saint Benedict, Father and Guide of monks and religious! Behold, I, a wretched sinner, who am not worthy to be called thy child, not presuming on my own justice, but trusting in the clemency of God and thy glorious merits, have now the intention of receiving (and offering to the divine Majesty) the heavenly sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for thy glory and beatitude. I beseech thee, therefore, O most holy Father, by that love and honour which chose thee from the world, and blessed thee in His sight, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe so fervently to pray for me, that, aided by the intercession of thy prayers, I may worthily (celebrate, and) receive this most divine mystery, and be defended from all evils of soul and body; so that, with thee and all holy monks, and the other saints of God, I may at length deserve to come to praise and enjoy His most blessed vision eternally in heaven. Amen.

* From "Diurnale Monasticum," Parisiis, 1693.

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AFTER MASS OR COMMUNION.

* Beáti Patris nostri Benedícti Confessóris tui, Dómine, précibus confidéntes, quæsumus cleméntiam tuam, ut per ea quæ súmpsimus, ætérna remédia capiámus. Per, &c.

Trusting, O Lord, in the prayers of Thy Confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict; we beseech Thy clemency, that, through what we have received, we may obtain eternal remedies. Through, &c.

† Ut nosmetípsos tibi Dómine, in hoc venerábili sacrifício (sacraménto) discámus totos devovére; eam nobis beátus Pater noster Benedíctus Abbas ímpetret grátiæ tuæ benedictiónem, quâ se, suos, suáque ómnia propter te derelínquere, et ipse méruit, et álios dócuit. Per, &c.

That we may learn, O Lord, in this venerable sacrifice (sacrament) to dedicate ourselves entirely to Thee; may our holy Father Saint Benedict, Abbot, obtain for us that blessing of Thy grace, whereby he deserved to leave himself, his friends, and his possessions for Thy sake, and taught the same to others. Through, &c.

† Deus qui beátum Patrem nostrum Benedíctum in solitúdinem duxísti, ut multórum tibi in Christo pater efficerétur filiórum; Eucharísticum manna degustántibus, da in hâc terrâ viam tuam agnóscere, et ad réquiem tuam felíciter pervenire. Per eúndem, &c.

O God, who didst lead our holy Father Saint Benedict into solitude, that he might become to Thee the father of many children in Christ; grant to those who taste of the heavenly manna of the Eucharist, to know Thy way in this world, and happily to arrive at Thy rest. Through the same, &c.

* From a Sacramentary in the Monastery of St. Blaise.
† From the Paris Missal.

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PRAYERS AT RISING, AND AT RETIRING TO REST.

* *In an "Order of the day," drawn up by our holy Father, we find the following.*

As soon as a Brother has arisen for the work of God, let him make the sign of the Cross, in the name of the blessed Trinity, and say the Versicle,—

Dómine, lábia mea apéries.	O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips.

Then,—

Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.	Incline unto my aid, O God.
Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.	O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glória, &c.	Glory, &c.

In proceeding to the church, let him say Psalm xxiv.

Ad te Dómine levávi ánimam meam: * Deus meus in te confído, non erubéscam.	To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: * in Thee, O God, do I put my trust, let me not be ashamed.
Neque irrídeant me inimíci mei: * étenim univérsi, qui sústinent te, non confundántur.	Neither let my enemies laugh at me: * for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.
Confundántur omnes iníqua agéntes: * supervácue.	Let all them be confounded that act unjust things: * without cause.
Vias tuas, Dómine, demónstra mihi: * et sémitas tuas édoce me.	Shew, O Lord, Thy ways to me: * and teach me Thy paths.
Dírige me in veritáte tuâ, et doce me: * quia tu es Deus Salvátor meus, et te sustínui totâ die.	Direct me in Thy truth, and teach me: * for Thou art God, my Saviour, and on Thee have I waited all the day long.

* See "Regula SS. P. Benedicti," Duaci, 1645.—"Patrologiæ Cursus completus," Migne, tom. 66, p. 937.

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Reminíscere miseratiónum tuárum Dómine: * et misericordiárum tuárum, quæ a sæculo sunt.

Delícta juventútis meæ: * et ignorántias meas ne memíneris.

Secúndùm misericórdiam tuam meménto mei tu: * propter bonitátem tuam, Dómine.

Dulcis et rectus Dóminus: * propter hoc legem dabit delinquéntibus in viâ.

Díriget mansuétos in judício: * docébit mites vias suas.

Univérsæ viæ Dómini, misericórdia et véritas: * requiréntibus testaméntum ejus, et testimónia ejus.

Propter nomen tuum, Dómine, propitiáberis peccáto meo: * multum est enim.

Quis est homo qui timet Dóminum? * legem státuit ei in viâ, quam elégit.

Anima ejus in bonis demorábitur: * et semen ejus hæreditábit terram.

Firmaméntum est Dóminus timéntibus eum: * et testaméntum ipsíus, ut manifestétur illis.

Oculi mei semper ad Dóminum: * quóniam ipse evéllet de láqueo pedes meos.

Réspice in me, et miserére mei: * quia únicus et pauper sum ego.

Remember, O Lord, the bowels of Thy compassion: * and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world.

The sins of my youth: * and my ignorances do not remember.

According to Thy mercy remember Thou me: * for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

The Lord is sweet and righteous: * therefore He will give a law to sinners in the way.

He will guide the mild in judgment: * He will teach the meek His ways.

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth: * to them that seek after His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, Thou wilt pardon my sin: * for it is great.

Who is the man that feareth the Lord? * He hath appointed him a law in the way he hath chosen.

His soul shall dwell in good things: * and his seed shall inherit the land.

The Lord is a firmament to them that fear Him: * and His covenant shall be made manifest to them.

My eyes are ever towards the Lord: * for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare.

Look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me: * for I am alone and poor.

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Tribulatiónes cordis mei multiplicátæ sunt : * de necessitátibus meis érue me.

Vide humilitátem meam, et labórem meum : * et dimítte univérsa delícta mea.

Réspice inimícos meos, quóniam multiplicáti sunt : * et ódio iníquo odérunt me.

Custódi ánimam meam, et érue me : * non erubéscam, quóniam sperávi in te.

Innocéntes et recti adhæsérunt mihi : * quia sustínui te.

Líbera, Deus, Israel : * ex ómnibus tribulatiónibus suis.

Glória, &c.

The troubles of my heart are multiplied : * deliver me from my necessities.

See my abjection, and my labour : * and forgive me all my sins.

Consider my enemies, for they are multiplied : * and have hated me with an unjust hatred.

Keep Thou my soul, and deliver me : * I shall not be ashamed, for I have hoped in Thee.

The innocent and the upright have adhered to me : * because I have waited on Thee.

Deliver Israel, O God : * from all his tribulations.

Glory, &c.

Let him enter the church with the greatest reverence and care, so as not to disturb those who may be praying; and having come to his place, let him pour forth his prayers with the heart, rather than with the lips, and let him say,—

Grátias tibi ago, Omnípotens Deus, qui me dignátus es in hâc nocte custodíre; déprecor imménsam cleméntiam tuam, ut concédas mihi ventúrum diem sic perágere in tuo servítio cum humilitáte et discretióne, quátenùs tibi compláceam. Amen.

I give Thee thanks, O Almighty God, who hast deigned to preserve me this night; I implore Thy infinite clemency, to grant that I may so spend the coming day in Thy service, with humility and discretion, as to please Thee. Amen.

AT RETIRING TO REST.

When the Divine Office is finished, let the greatest silence be observed, and let each one pray in private, recalling to mind his sins with tears, yet so as not to disturb others. Then let him say,—

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Grátias tibi ago Omnípotens, ætérne Deus, qui me per tuam sanctam misericórdiam in hâc die custodíre dignátus es; déprecor imménsam cleméntiam tuam, ut concédas mihi hanc noctem sine ullo peccáto, aut impediménto Sátanæ, cum dulci et pudícâ réquie pertransíre, ut matutíno veniénte témpore purè et strénuè surgens, tibi Deo meo laudes referre váleam.

I give Thee thanks, O Almighty and eternal God, who, through Thy holy mercy, hast deigned to preserve me this day; I implore Thy infinite clemency to grant that I may so pass this night, in sweet and chaste repose, without any sin, or snare of the devil, as that when the morning cometh, I may rise with purity and zeal, and be able to return thanks to Thee, my God.

Let the Brethren go to the dormitory with all care; and whilst retiring to rest, let each one say Psalm lxix., with the *Gloria*.

Deus in adjutórium meum inténde: * Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

Incline unto my aid, O God: * O Lord make haste to help me.

Confundántur et reveréantur: * qui quærunt ánimam meam.

Let them be confounded and ashamed: * that seek my soul.

Avertántur retrórsum, et erubéscant: * qui volunt mihi mala.

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame: * that desire evils to me.

Avertántur statim erubescéntes: * qui dicunt mihi, Euge, euge.

Let them be presently turned away, blushing for shame: * that say to me, 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Exúltent et læténtur in te omnes qui quærunt te: * et dicant semper, Magnificétur Dóminus, qui díligunt salutáre tuum.

Let all that seek Thee rejoice, and be glad in Thee: * and let such as love Thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

Ego verò egénus, et pauper sum: * Deus ádjuva me.

But I am needy and poor: * O God, help me.

Adjútor meus, et liberátor meus es tu: * Dómine ne moréris.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: * O Lord, make no delay.

Glória, &c.

Glory, &c.

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Then let him say,—

Pone, Dómine, custódiam ori meo, et óstium circumstántiæ lábiis meis.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips.

And protecting himself with the sign of the holy Cross, let him sleep in the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS SUITABLE TO BE SAID WHEN PUTTING ON THE HABIT.*

St. Alphonsus, in the second part of the "Glories of Mary," treating of different devotions to Our Blessed Lady, says that an Indulgence of five years may be gained by kissing the habit of a religious Order.

AD TUNICAM.

Indue me, Dómine, novum hóminem, qui secúndùm Deum creátus est in justítiâ, et sanctitáte veritátis.

AT THE TUNIC.

Clothe me, O Lord, with the new man, who is created according to God, in justice and holiness of truth.

AD CINGULUM.

Præcínge me, Dómine, cíngulo puritátis, et extíngue in lumbis meis humórem libídinis; ut máneat in me virtus continéntiæ et ...titátis.

AT THE GIRDLE.

Gird me, O Lord, with the girdle of purity, and extinguish within my reins the passion of lust; that the virtue of continency and chastity may remain in me.

AD SCAPULARE.

Dómine, qui dixísti, Jugum meum suáve est, et onus meum leve; fac ut istud portáre sic váleam, quod cónsequar tuam grátiam. Amen.

AT THE SCAPULAR.

O Lord, who hast said, My yoke is sweet, and my burden light; grant that I may so carry it, as to obtain Thy grace. Amen.

* Adapted chiefly from the Roman Missal: "Præparatio ad Missam."

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AD CUCULLAM.

[Infúnde cordi meo, Dómine, spíritum sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, et aufer a me omnem levitátem mentis, et vanitátem hábitûs.]

AT THE COWL.

[Pour forth in my heart, O Lord, the spirit of our holy Father Saint Benedict, and take away from me all levity of mind, and vanity of dress.]

AD CUCULLUM.

Impóne, Dómine, cápiti meo gáleam salútis, ad expugnándos diabólicos incúrsus.

AT THE HOOD.

Place upon my head, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, to repel all the attacks of the devil.

A RENOVATION OF VOWS,

WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATELY MADE AFTER MASS OR COMMUNION, OR IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.*

Grátias tibi ago Dómine Jesu Christe, pro grátiâ illâ singulári, quâ me vilíssimum peccatórem de hoc sæculo nequam eduxísti; et in hoc religiosíssimo órdine ad solémnem professiónem admisísti. Dóleo ex toto corde quòd grátiæ huic non satis respónderim, et tanto benefício fúerim ingrátus. Detéstor omnes negligéntias in hoc statu commíssas, et quòd tam parum ad ejus perfectiónem aspiráverim.

I give Thee thanks, O my Lord Jesus Christ, for that special grace, whereby Thou hast called me, a wretched sinner, from this wicked world, and hast admitted me to my solemn profession in this most holy Order. I am sorry, from the bottom of my heart, for not having sufficiently corresponded with this grace, and for having been ungrateful for so great a benefit. I detest all the negligences I have committed in this state, and am sorry

* From "Disquisit. Monast.," lib. iv., auctore Dom. Bened. Haeften, O.S.B.

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Ignósce mihi, Deus véniæ largítor, et humánæ salútis amátor, et da, ut vel nunc tandem tuâ gratiâ incípiam, quod équidem ex ánimo cúpio et propóno. Quòd si me votis necdum tuæ Majestáti obstrinxíssem, nunc sanè id fácerem, ideóque quantâ devotióne possum, illa nunc rénovo, et novo fervóre TIBI PROMÍTTO STABILITÁTEM ET CONVERSIÓNEM MORUM MEÓRUM; PAUPERTÁTEM, CASTITÁTEM, ET OBEDIÉNTIAM SECÚNDÙM RÉGULAM SANCTI PATRIS NOSTRI BENEDÍCTI. Verúmtamen quia ad hæc implénda me nimis tépidum et infírmum agnósco, rogo te misericordíssime Jesu, ut qui dedísti mihi vovéndi voluntátem, tríbuas étiam exequéndi facultátem: meque ita dírigas, ut non mihi, sed Tibi soli vivam; omnésque Ordinis observántias, et quidquid ánimæ meæ perfectiónem promovére possit, summo stúdio ampléctar, ad glóriam nóminis tui, qui es Deus benedíctus in sæcula. Amen.*

for having aspired so feebly after its perfection. Pardon me, O God, the giver of pardon, and lover of the salvation of mankind; and grant that I may now, at length, by Thy grace, begin to accomplish what I ardently desire and purpose. If I had not already bound myself to Thy divine Majesty by my vows, I would now do so; and I therefore, at this moment, renew them with all the devotion that I can; and with fresh fervour I promise to Thee PERSEVERANCE AND THE CONVERSION OF MY MANNERS; POVERTY, CHASTITY, AND OBEDIENCE, ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT. Yet, because I acknowledge myself to be too tepid and weak to fulfil them, I ask Thee, O most merciful Jesus, that as Thou hast given me the will to bind myself by these vows, Thou wilt give me also the grace to observe them; and wilt so direct me, that I may not live for myself, but for Thee alone, and that I may embrace, with the utmost zeal, all the observances of my Order, and everything that can promote the perfection of my soul, for the glory of Thy name, who art God, blessed for ever. Amen.

* See also the "English Prayers," page 72.

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VARIOUS PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

*Verè dignum et justum est, ætérne Deus, et glóriam tuam profúsis précibus exoráre, ut Sancti Patris nostri Benedícti patrocínio nos adjuvánte, débita nómini tuo servitúte placeámus.

It is truly meet and just, O eternal God, with frequent prayers to supplicate Thy glory; that, assisted by the patronage of our holy Father Saint Benedict, we may please Thee by the service that is due to Thy name.

For the Spirit of Union and Discipline.

†Deus super ómnia benedíctus, qui beátum Patrem nostrum Benedíctum sanctæ religiónis instituísti magístrum, corda nostra réliga cœléstium observántiæ mandatórum; quique per ipsum disciplínæ monásticæ salutáre instituísti fundaméntum, unitátem nobis tríbue córdium, et disciplinális observántiæ ornaméntum; quo totíus mundi spretis illécebris, et cunctis præcórdiis solo desidério Conditóris, sancti hujus méritis perseveránti am obtineámus perpétuæ benedictiónis. Per, &c.

O God, blessed above all things, who didst make our holy Father Saint Benedict a master of the religious life; bind our hearts to the observance of his heavenly precepts: and, as through him Thou didst lay the salutary foundation of monastic discipline, grant unto us union of hearts, and the adornment of regular observance; whereby, despising the allurements of the whole world, and our hearts being wholly filled with the desire of the Creator alone, we may, through the merits of this saint, obtain a continuance of perpetual blessing. Through, &c.

* From "Monumenta veteris Liturgiæ Alemannicæ," Gerbert, O.S.B.

† John Peckham, Abp. of Canterbury, in "Liber Pontificalis" of Edmund Lacy, Bp. of Exeter. In the original it is a blessing: "vestra," &c. has been changed into "nostra," &c.

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Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ through the merits of our Holy Father Saint Benedict.

Pietátem tuam, Jesu mitíssime, humíliter déprecor, per mérita et intercessiónes beáti Patris nostri Benedícti confessóris tui, ut cordis mei ténebras lúmine cœléstis sapiéntiæ illustráre, mentem meam ad supérna dirígere, affectiónes sanctas et cor mundum in me creáre; ac justa augens desidéria, perfécta docens me ópera, in tuo sancto servítio confortáre et adjuváre dignéris. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre, in unitáte Spíritûs Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

I humbly implore Thy mercy, O most meek Jesus, through the merits and intercession of Thy confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to illuminate the darkness of my heart by the light of heavenly wisdom, to direct my mind to heavenly things, to create holy affections and a clean heart in me, and, increasing in me just desires, and teaching me perfect works, to strengthen and help me in Thy holy service. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

A Filial Recommendation to our Holy Father.

O alme Pater Benedícte, monachórum dux et monárcha! spes et solátium ómnium ad te toto corde clamántium! tuæ sanctíssimæ protectióni humíliter me comméndo; ut propter excellántiam meritórum tuórum ab ómnibus quæ contrária sunt ánimæ meæ, deféndere me dignéris, atque de pietátis tuæ abundántiâ, compunctiónis et lacrymárum grátiam mihi ímpetres, ut dignè copioséque váleam tanta mala et offénsas plán-

O loving Father Saint Benedict, guide and chieftain of monks! and the hope and comfort of all who with their whole heart cry unto thee! I humbly commend myself to thy holy protection, that, through the excellence of thy merits, thou vouchsafe to defend me from all that is hurtful to my soul; and, in the abundance of thy kindness, to obtain for me the grace of compunction and of tears, that I may worthily and amply bewail the great evils and offences by which, from my

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gere, quibus a juventúte meâ amábilem et desiderábilem Dóminum Jesum Christum provocávi frequéntiùs; teque dignè laudáre et venerári mérear. O olíva! O vitis nímium in domo Dei fructífera! O vas auri sólidum ornátum omni lápide pretióso! secúndùm cor Dei eléctum et dulcíssimum, innumerísque gratiárum charismátibus tamquam gemmis coruscántibus decorátum! te oro, te rogo, tibi toto cordis afféctu, ac ómnibus ánimæ desidériis, benignissime Pater, dulcísque magíster súpplico, ut mei míseri peccatóris memor esse dignéris apud Deum; ut peccátis meis ómnibus benígnus indúlgeat, meque in bono consérvet, nec ab eo unquam discédere áliquâ necessitáte permíttat: sed ad beatórum consórtium, visionémque ejus delectábilem post te, Pater, admíttat, ubi tecum, cœtúque cum illo monachórum máximo sub tuo vexíllo pósito, gaudére perpétuò possim, ipso Deo ac Dómino nostro Jesu Christo præstánte, qui cum Patre et Spíritu Sancto vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

youth, I have too often offended my amiable and desirable Lord Jesus, and may duly praise and venerate thee, O holy Father. O generous olive-tree! O fruitful vine in the house of God! O solid vessel of gold, adorned with every precious stone! chosen according to the heart of God, most sweet, and enriched with numberless gifts of grace, as with so many glittering jewels! I pray and beseech thee, O most kind Father, with all the affection of my heart, and all the longing of my soul, and I entreat thee, O sweet master, to vouchsafe to be mindful of me a miserable sinner before God, that He may be mercifully propitious to all my sins, and preserve me in good, nor ever suffer me to depart from Him through any trial, but admit me to the company of the blessed, and to the delightful sight of Himself in thy train, O Father; where, with thee, and the vast multitude of monks assembled together beneath thy standard, I may for ever rejoice; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

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To know our Vocation.

*O Deus ætérne, qui cuncta gubérnas, dispónis, et moderáris; ínvoco patérnam pietátem tuam, et peto (per mérita et intercessiónem beáti Patris nostri Benedícti), ut locum et statum mihi provídeas, ubi congruénter ad tuam glóriam, et ad meam salútem tibi famulári váleam. Per, &c.

O eternal God, who dost govern, dispose, and direct all things, I implore Thy paternal kindness, and I beseech Thee, through the merits and intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict, to provide for me a place and state of life, wherein I may so serve Thee, as to advance Thy glory and my own salvation. Through, &c.

For Perseverance in our Vocation.

*O benignissime Deus, ostendísti mihi viam in quâ ámbulem; et—quod non fecísti omni natióni—judícia tua et leges manifestásti mihi. Ecce coram te, Dómine, et curiâ tuâ cœlésti, in viâ hâc N ambuláre státui, ut tibi sérviam ómnibus diébus vitæ meæ. Concéde mihi grátiam, per sánguinem Jesu Christi, quâ desidéria ista de tuâ inspiratióne concépta, complére; tibíque, et Fílio tuo, et suavíssimæ Matri ejus, (méritis et intercessióne beáti Patris nostri Benedícti semper et ubíque adjútus), servíre váleam, et tuum in ætérnum vívere. Amen.

O most merciful God! Thou hast shown to me the way wherein I should walk, and—what Thou hast not done to every nation—Thou hast made known to me Thy judgments and laws. Behold, O Lord, in Thy presence, and that of Thy whole heavenly court, I have resolved to walk in this state of, that I may serve Thee all the days of my life. Grant me, through the sacred blood of Jesus Christ, grace to accomplish these desires, which I have formed by Thy inspirations; and that, being always and everywhere assisted by the merits and intercession of our holy Father St. Benedict, I may serve Thee and Thy beloved Son, and His most sweet Mother, and live with Thee for ever. Amen.

* From "Libellus Precum ad usum Sodalitatis S. Gregorii Mag. sub Patr. B.M.V."

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For the Spirit of our Holy Father Saint Benedict.

*O Benedícte! spíritum tuum infúnde in córdibus nostris, ut quæ recta sunt, discámus; et quæ cœléstia ætérnum tecum capiámus, eóque perveniámus, ubi tu cum Patre et Fílio, et Spíritu Sancto, exúltas in omni sæculo. Amen.

O holy Father Saint Benedict! pour forth thy spirit into our hearts, that we may learn what is right, and with thee eternally obtain what is heavenly, and happily come to that place where thou rejoicest with the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

For Overcoming Concupiscence.

O Pater sancte, dux egrégie! qui dira carnis incéndia divíni amóris igne superásti, te súpplices rogámus ac pétimus, ut misericórdiam Dei incessánter pro nobis interpéllas, quátenus cor nostrum et renes nostros igne Spíritûs Sancti exúrat, tribuátque nobis concupiscéntias carnis refrænáre, passiónes iræ et invídiæ edomáre, necnon et cor nostrum exercítiis virtútum ornátum ipse visitándo inhabitáre dignétur. Qui in Trinitáte, cum Patre et Fílio, vivit et regnat, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

O holy Father and renowned guide! who didst overcome the dire flames of the flesh by the fire of divine love, we humbly ask and beseech thee, unceasingly to implore for us the mercy of God, that He would inflame our heart and reins with the fire of the Holy Ghost, and grant us to restrain the concupiscence of the flesh, to tame the passion of anger and envy; and, adorning our heart with the practice of virtue, to deign to visit it and dwell therein; who in the Trinity, with the Father and the Son, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

For the same.

O gloriosíssime cultor Dei, nómine et vitâ benedícte, sanctíssime Pater et

O most glorious servant of God, blessed both in name and in life, most holy Father and

* From "Concordia Animæ Benedictinæ cum Deo," auctore Domno Veremundo Eisvogl. O.S.B.

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dux monachórum! consérva et ádjuva nos tuis sanctíssimis patrocíniis, in agóne monásticæ professiónis certántes, ut gládio spirituáli amputémus carnis et spíritûs inquinaménta, et ut sceptrum supérbi exactóris nostrâ conversióne superémus. Per, &c.

guide of monks! by thy holy patronage preserve and help us who are struggling in the strife of the monastic profession, that, with the sword of the spirit, we may cut off all the defilements of the flesh and of the spirit, and, by our change of life, overcome the power of the proud tyrant. Through, &c.

For the Spirit of Poverty.

Da nobis, quæsumus Dómine, per mérita et exémpla Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, qui adhuc puer, relictâ domo rebúsque patris, jam quasi áridum mundum cum flore despéxit, hoc mundo sic uti, tamquam non uténtibus; ut regnum cœlórum paupéribus spíritu promíssum, felíciter consequámur. Per, &c.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the merits and example of our holy Father Saint Benedict, who, whilst yet a child, leaving his father's house and goods, despised this world as if it were but a faded flower, so to use it as though we used it not; that we may happily obtain the kingdom of heaven, which is promised to the poor in spirit. Through, &c.

To ask our Holy Father's Daily Blessing.

Sancte Pater Benedícte! per exemplárem vitam tuam, et pretiosíssimam mortem tuam, bénedic me in viâ régulæ tuæ, ut pervéniam ad pátriam ætérnæ glóriæ in cœlis. Amen.

O holy Father Saint Benedict, by thy exemplary life and most precious death, bless me in the path of thy holy rule, that I may arrive at the country of eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

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ANTIPHONS, &c.

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT, OR FOR VISITS TO HIS CHURCH, CHAPEL, ALTAR, OR IMAGE.

ANT. I.—*Ave, Christi discípule, et veri sponsi amíce! Ave, prædicátor veritátis, et doctor géntium! Ave, legislátor universális, et abba abbátum! Ave, archimandríta œcuménice, et colúmna orthodóxiæ! non patiáris nos óvibus tuis exclúdi: sedem apostólicam prótege; Ordinem sanctum tuum, et omnes fílios tuos córpore, tibi, simul et mente prostrátos, ab hóstibus visibílibus et invisibílibus defénde, et Christo pro nobis órgias funde, quátenus hìc et in ætérnum omnes tuo múnere lætémur.

℣. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.

℟. Et ímpetra nobis grátiam N

ANT. I.—Hail, O disciple of Christ, and friend of the true bridegroom! Hail, O preacher of truth, and teacher of nations! Hail, O universal lawgiver, and abbot of abbots! Hail, O general ruler of monasteries, and pillar of the true faith! suffer us not to be excluded from the number of thy sheep: protect the apostolic See; defend from all enemies, both visible and invisible, thy holy Order, and all thy children, prostrate before thee, both in body and mind, and pour forth prayers for us to Christ, that, through thy bounty, we may all rejoice both here and throughout eternity.

℣. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

℟. And obtain for us the grace N

* Pope Stephen III. As the Ant. is changed and abbreviated, the original remarkable testimony of the early devotion and confidence cherished towards St. Benedict is subjoined.

Ave, Christi discipule! Ave, veri sponsi amice! Ave, prædicator veritatis, et doctor gentium! Ave, legislator universalis! Ave, abba abbatum! Ave, archimandrita œcumenice! Ave, columna orthodoxiæ! Tuus ego et hi septem episcopi, tuus clerus, tuus populus Romanæ urbis, tui et hi Patricii, tua Lateranensis ecclesia, in quâ alitus et nutritus es, tuum Cassinense cœnobium, in quo corpore et spiritu habitas. Non patiaris nos ovibus tuis excludi. Sedem apostolicam protege: Romanum imperium, et hos gloriosos Patricios corpore tibi, simul et mente prostratos, ab hostibus visibilibus et invisibilibus defende, et Christo pro nobis orgias funde, quatenus hic et in æternum omnes tuo munere lætemur.—Mon. Disq. B. Hæften.

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Orémus. Let us pray.

To know our vocation.—O Deus æterne, p. 61.

To persevere in our vocation.—O benignissime, p. 61.

For the spirit of our Holy Father.—Excita, p. 16; or, O Benedicte, p. 62.

For perseverance in a religious life.—Deus qui, p. 3; or, Deus qui nos, p. 27; or, Concede, p. 37.

For poverty of spirit.—Da nobis, p. 63.

For the gift of chastity.—Deus qui, p. 5; or, O pater sancte, p. 62; or, O gloriosissime, p. 62.

For humility and obedience.—Omnipotens, p. 43.

For a happy death.—Deus qui, p. 44, and the following.

For the Order, Congregation, or Monastery.—Da nobis, as in the "Union of Prayers."

ANT. II.—O beáti viri Patris nostri Benedícti sancta prædónia! O inæstimábilis diléctio charitátis! qui dum sæculi pompam contémpsit, ætérnæ vitæ conjúnctus est.

ANT. II.—O holy renown of our blessed Father Saint Benedict! O inestimable love of charity! who, despising the pomp of this world, was associated to eternal life.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

ANT. III.—Sanctíssime Conféssor Christi, Benedícte, monachórum Pater et dux, intercéde pro nostrâ omniúmque salúte. Devótæ plebi súbveni sanctâ intercessióne, ut, tuis adjúta précibus, regna cœléstia consequátur.

ANT. III.—O most holy Confessor of Christ, Benedict, the Father and guide of monks! intercede for the salvation of ourselves and of all. Assist thy devoted people by thy holy intercession, that, helped by thy prayers, they may obtain the kingdom of heaven.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

ANT. IV.—O laudánda Sancti Benedícti mérita gloriósa! qui dum pro Christo pátriam, mundíque

ANT. IV.—O praiseworthy and glorious merits of our holy Father Saint Benedict! who, despising his country and the

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sprevit pompam, adéptus est ómnium contubérnium beatórum; et párticeps factus præmiórum æternórum. Inter choros confessórum spléndidum póssidet locum, et ipsum fontem ómnium intuétur bonórum.

pomp of the world for the love of Christ, has become a companion of all the blessed, and been made partaker of the rewards of eternity. Now, amongst the choirs of confessors, does he possess a glorious place, and behold the very source of every good.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

Ant. V. — O cœléstis norma vitæ, doctor et dux Benedícte! cujus cum Christo spíritus exúltat in cœléstibus, gregem pastor alme serva, sanctâ prece corróbora, viâ cœlos clarescénte fac te duce penetráre.

Ant. V.—O model of a heavenly life, Saint Benedict, our teacher and our guide! whose spirit rejoiceth with Christ in the heavenly courts: O loving shepherd! preserve thy flock, strengthen it with thy holy prayers, and, by thy guidance, conduct it along the bright path to heaven.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

Ant. VI.—Orámus te, beatíssime Confessor Dei, et dux glorióse ágminis monástici Benedícte, ut pro nostrâ ætérnâ salúte perpétuus intercéssor dignéris exístere.

Ant. VI.—We beseech thee, O holy Father Benedict, most blessed Confessor of God, and leader of the band of monks! vouchsafe to be a perpetual intercessor for our eternal salvation.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

Ant. VII.—Pater sancte, ac Patróne ínclyte! obníxè postulámus, quátenùs ómnibus horis ac moméntis nostræ servitútis, munus sempitérnæ Trinitáti offérre dignéris, ut quod nostra non éxigunt mérita, tua nobis

Ant. VII.—O holy Father, and illustrious Patron! we earnestly entreat thee to vouchsafe, each hour and moment, to present to the eternal Trinity the offering of our service; that thy glorious prayers may procure for us that

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gloriósa ímpetrent suffrágia. which our own merits cannot obtain.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

ANT. VIII.* — Exúlta Benedícte, Pater sanctíssime patrum, Doctor dulcíssime doctórum! quià consummátis opéribus sanctis, páriter congaúdes super regna polórum. Intercéde pro tuis commíssis, póstula pro nobis afflíctis, roga pro nostris delíctis, posce Christum non solùm pro mónachis commíssis, sed étiam pro tuis ancíllis, ut omnis ætas, omnis sexus, omnis ordo, qui tuis præcéptis colla submíttunt, peritúra mundi despíciant, gaúdia ætérna concupíscant, regna beáta áppetant, próspera animárum et córporum percípiant. Nullâ diabólicâ fraude molesténtur, nullis incursiónibus malignórum affligántur, nullísque calamitátibus annihiléntur.

ANT. VIII.—Exult, O Benedict, most holy Father of fathers, and most sweet master of Masters! that, having wrought the works of sanctity, thou now rejoicest in the kingdom of heaven. Intercede for those intrusted to thy care, supplicate for us who are in affliction, pray for our sins, entreat Christ, not only for the monks committed to thee, but also for thy handmaids; that all of every age, and sex, and rank, who submit their necks to the yoke of thy precepts, may despise the perishable goods of this world, may desire the joys of eternity, may strive after the kingdom of bliss, and enjoy prosperity of soul and body. Let them not be molested by the fraud of the devil, let them not be afflicted by the attacks of evil spirits, nor overwhelmed by any calamities.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

ANT. IX.*—Euge Pater beáte! fave precántibus, appóne aures précibus famulórum tuórum, da véniam poscéntibus, da dona quæréntibus, parce peccán-

ANT. IX.—O blessed Father! be propitious to those that pray to thee; incline thine ears to the petitions of thy servants; grant pardon to those who crave it; bestow gifts on

* From Venerable Bede, O.S.B. — "Sermo in Nat. S. Scholasticæ," tom. 7.

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tibus; quià tu Pastor es, nos verò oves, audi balátus óvium tuárum, et *trahe me post te*, ut veniámus ad te, ut illic vera páscua inveniámus, ubi sunt vera gaúdia sempitérna. Amen.

those who seek them, and spare those that fall into sin. And since thou art the Shepherd, and we are the sheep, hear the cry of thy flock, and *draw us after thee*, that we may come to thee, and there find our true pastures, where there are true joys for ever. Amen.

℣., ℟., *and Prayer as before.*

PRAYER TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS.*

(If too long, it can be divided into five prayers, according to the paragraphs.)

O Benedict, thou vessel of election, thou palm of the wilderness, thou angel of earth! we offer thee the salutation of our love. What man was ever chosen to work on the earth more wonders than thou hast wrought! Our Saviour has crowned thee as one of His principal co-operators in the work of the salvation and sanctification of men. Who can tell the millions of souls that owe their eternal happiness to thee! thy immortal Rule having sanctified them in the cloister, or the zeal of thy Benedictines having been the means of their knowing and serving the great God who chose thee? Around thee, in the realms of glory, a countless number of the blessed acknowledge themselves indebted to thee, after God, for their eternal happiness; and, upon the earth, whole nations profess the true faith, because the Gospel was first preached to them by thy disciples.

O Father of so many peoples! look down upon thine inheritance, and bless once more this ungrateful Europe, which owes everything to thee, yet has almost forgotten thy name. The light, which thy children imparted to it, has become dimmed; the warmth, whereby they vivified the societies which they founded and civilized by the Cross, has grown

* From Abbot Guéranger's "Année Liturgique," on the Feast of our Holy Father.

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cold; thorns have covered a great portion of the land in which they sowed the seed of salvation. Come and help thy own work, and, by thy prayers, keep in its expiring life. Consolidate what has been shaken; and let a new Europe, a Catholic Europe, spring up in the place of that which heresy and false doctrines have made for us.

O Patriarch of the Servants of God, look down, from the height of Heaven, on the vineyard which thy hands have planted, and see into what desolation it has fallen. There was a time when thy name was honoured as that of a *Father*, in thirty thousand monasteries, from the shores of the Baltic to the borders of Syria, and from the Green Erin to the Steppes of Poland; now, alas! one hears no more than a few and feeble accents, ascending to thee from the whole of that immense patrimony, which the faith and gratitude of the people had consecrated to thee. The blighting wind of heresy has destroyed a part of these harvests of thy sainted glory, and avarice has coveted the rest; for the work of dissolution has pursued its uninterrupted course,—at one time calling in to its aid the plea of political interests, at another, having recourse to open violence. Sainted Father of our Faith, thou hast been robbed of those thousands of sanctuaries which were, for long ages, the fountains of life and light to the people; and the race of thy children is almost extinct. Watch over those who still remain to perpetuate thy Rule. An ancient tradition tells us how our Lord revealed to thee, that thy Order would last to the end of the world, that thy children would fight for the Holy Church of Rome, and would confirm the faith of many in the last trials of the Church. Deign to protect, by thy powerful arm, the remnants of that Family which still calls thee its *Father*. Raise it up again, multiply it, sanctify it; let the *Spirit*, which thou hast deposited in thy Holy Rule, flourish amidst it; and show, by thus blessing it, that thou art ever the *Benedict* of God.

Support the Holy Church, by thy powerful intercession, dear Father! Assist the Apostolic See, which has been so often occupied by thy children. *Father of so many Pastors of the people*, obtain for us Bishops like those sainted ones whom thy Rule has formed. *Father of so many Apostles*, ask, for the countries which have no faith, preachers of the Gospel, who may convert the people by their blood and by their words, as did those who went out missioners from thy cloisters. *Father of so many holy Doctors*, pray that the

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science of sacred literature may revive, to aid the Church and confound error. *Father of so many sublime Ascetics,* rekindle the zeal for Christian perfection, which has grown so cold amidst the Christianity of our days. *Patriarch of the Religious Life in the Western Church,* bless all the Religious Orders which the Holy Spirit has given successively to the Church; they all look on thee with admiration, as their venerable predecessor; do thou pour out upon them all the influence of thy fatherly love.

Lastly, *O Blessed favourite of God,* pray for all the Faithful, that they may take courage from thy example and precepts; that they may learn to subdue the flesh, and bend it to the Spirit; that they may retire, from time to time, to think on the eternal years; that they may disengage their hearts and thoughts from the fleeting joys of the world in which they live. Catholic piety invokes thee as one of the patrons, as well as one of the models, of a dying Christian; and loves to tell men of the sublime spectacle thou didst present at thy death, when, standing at the foot of the altar, leaning on the arms of thy disciples, and scarce touching the earth with thy feet, thou didst give back, in submission and confidence, thy soul to its Creator. Obtain for us, dear Saint, a death courageous and sweet as thine. Drive from us, at our last hour, the cruel enemy who will try to ensnare us; visit us by thy presence, and leave us not until we have breathed forth our souls into the bosom of that God who made thee so glorious a Saint! Amen.

A BENEDICTINE MORNING INTENTION.*

TO THE BLESSED TRINITY.

O thrice holy, and ever blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! I, though unworthy of Thy divine presence, do humbly offer to Thy sovereign Majesty, the divine passion of my dearest Saviour, with every suffering of His internal soul and external virgin body; begging from my heart that my Cross may be sanctified by His; sincerely desiring to

* These English prayers are taken from a MS. in the Convent of our B. Lady of Consolation, O.S.B., at Stanbrook, Worcester, brought with them by the Community, when they were driven from Cambray, in the French Revolution, A.D. 1793.

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suffer for Thy love, whatsoever Thy infinite goodness shall permit or inflict upon me this day. Give me but Thy grace, sweet Jesus, to increase Thy glory without offence, and treat me as Thou pleasest.

TO OUR BLESSED LADY.

O blessed Queen of Heaven, and Mother of Mercy! let me beseech thee, as thou esteemest the honour of God, thy own Immaculate Conception and privilege of being the mother of God, to be pleased, in my behalf, to present before the blessed Trinity every thought, word, and deed; every affection and intention of thy own heart, whilst thou didst live on earth; and obtain for me, that whatsoever I shall think, speak, or do, intend and suffer, may be purely for the honour of God, and of thee, His blessed mother. Amen.

TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

O blessed Patriarch, and dear Father Saint Benedict! I humbly beg from the treasure of thy heart, thy holy spirit; that I may live in the faithful observance of my rule, esteeming it the guide of my soul, and chief comfort of my heart. Amen.

TO OUR HOLY MOTHER SAINT SCHOLASTICA.

O blessed Saint Scholastica! by the merits of thy innocent and pure life, obtain for thy poor child (client) the efficacious grace of my vocation, in a daily imitation of thy silence and recollection, and of thy spiritual discourse and union with God. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO THE SAINTS OF OUR ORDER.

O glorious Saints of our holy Order! to your great charity I recommend all my religious observances and particular obediences, that, with your powerful help, I may regularly follow your example here on earth, and, by your intercession, be assisted at the hour of my death, and admitted into your society in heaven. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO OUR ANGEL GUARDIAN.

O Angel of God, my most loving and faithful guardian! vouchsafe this day, and all the moments of my life, to keep my heart and body immaculate, that, in thy company, I may deserve to behold, love, and glorify the blessed Trinity. O glorious Angel, aid me efficaciously to observe my Rule,

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that day and night, when thou showest my works to my Creator, He may delight Himself in my fidelity, for ever and ever. Amen.

AT NIGHT PRAYER.

O eternal Father! behold Thy beloved Son, in whom Thou art well pleased: pardon me what I am, and make me what I ought to be.

O Queen of Heaven and Earth, Mother of Mercy! made mother even unto me, the most miserable amongst sinners; vouchsafe ever to be a mother unto me, and obtain for me from thy dear Son Jesus, that I may live and die—

First, in His holy grace and favour, and in the daily increase thereof;

Secondly, in the sacred Order and profession of thy beloved servant, our holy Father Saint Benedict;

Thirdly, on the Cross with my Lord Jesus Christ, ever suffering for His sake in *what*, from *whom*, and *when* it shall be His holy will and pleasure.

Son of God, my only dear Crucified Lord! even as Thou knowest, and as Thy will is, be merciful unto me.

Let them only, O sacred Queen, cease to praise thy mercy, who, having ever faithfully called on thee, found themselves forsaken by thee in their necessities.

A RENOVATION OF THE VOWS.

To GOD THE FATHER, omnipotent, creator, and preserver;—

To GOD THE SON, only begotten, incarnate, crucified, and concealed in the Blessed Sacrament;—

To GOD THE HOLY GHOST, inflamer, defender, and sanctifier;—

I give Thy divine Majesty humble thanks, that Thou hast created me, redeemed me, and made me a member of the holy Catholic Church, and a religious of the holy Order of our blessed Father Saint Benedict, and hast preserved me in the same. Wherefore I renew to Thy divine Majesty, before the most sacred Virgin Mary, my glorious Patriarch Saint Benedict, and the whole celestial court, my vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. Also, I offer up to Thee

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all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings, united with the thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings of my blessed Saviour; all my corporal senses, both external and internal; all the powers of my soul, my memory, understanding, will, and liberty, firmly purposing to offer them all to Thy greater honour and glory. Amen.

A MEDITATION FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

Take for the subject of your meditation,—

ON SUNDAY.

First, Jesus in the garden; His profound humility.

Secondly, in the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus reposeth in humility.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule, the twelve degrees of humility.

THE MEDITATION FOR MONDAY.

First, how our Lord was spoiled of His purple garment, and left naked.

Secondly, in the Blessed Sacrament He is deprived of His glory.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule we are spoiled of our own will in body and soul.

THE MEDITATION FOR TUESDAY.

First, the conversion of the good thief by one look of Jesus.

Secondly, in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, the conversion of bread into the Body of our Lord, by the Sacramental words.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule, the Conversion of manners.

THE MEDITATION FOR WEDNESDAY.

First, the silence of Jesus in all His passion.

Secondly, His perpetual silence in the most Blessed Sacrament.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule is enjoined continual silence.

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THE MEDITATION FOR THURSDAY.

First, the prayer that our Lord made on the Cross, "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*"

Secondly, in the Holy Sacrament Jesus prayeth always for us.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule we are told to go frequently to prayer.

THE MEDITATION FOR FRIDAY.

First, Consider those words, "*All is consummated*" and accomplished.

Secondly, in the holy Sacrament His obedience is accomplished.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule is prescribed punctual obedience.

THE MEDITATION FOR SATURDAY.

First, Jesus persevered in patience, even till He rendered His soul into the hands of His Father.

Secondly, in the holy Sacrament Jesus will persevere in patience, even till the end of the world.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule, our blessed Father says, that we must persevere, even till death, in the School of Jesus Christ, by means of participating in His patience and sufferings. Amen.

A MEDITATION FOR THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

ON THE GIFT OF MEEKNESS; FROM THOSE WORDS OF THE PSALM (XX. 4).

"*Quoniam prævenisti eum in benedictionibus dulcedinis.*"

"*For Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness.*"

PRELUDE.

Put yourself in the presence of God, and with Him behold with the eyes of your soul, our holy Father Saint Benedict.

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Implore the benediction of the holy Trinity in making the sign of the Cross, and beg of our holy Father the assistance of his prayers.

The first point.

Consider how God prevented your Father in the benedictions, or blessings, of sweetness from his infancy; wherein you behold three things: namely, that the beginning of your Father's life was sweetness,—the only inheritance of his children; its progress, sweetness; and its end, sweetness. Consider if you have this sweetness to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself; whether your thoughts, words, affections, and actions, are sweet and agreeable to all; and so you will see, whether you are the true child of Saint Benedict, and have in your heart, Jesus, who is sweetness itself; and are fitly prepared to receive Him in the divine Sacrament of love and sweetness.

The second point.

Benedictionibus; with benedictions, or blessings. Your Father is Benedict. His true children are Benedictines, that is, Benedicts, or blessed ones; for to him, and to his children, is promised benediction, as to another Abraham and his seed. That which is blessed, increases in love like unto the stars of heaven, where nothing is barren, but where everything is fruitful as a flourishing olive-tree in the House of God. Saint Benedict showed in this grace, that he was, in very deed, the well-beloved of God, of angels, and of men; sweet to all, and not offensive to any. So that, whensoever any great sweetness appeared in any one, they might well say, "This is one of the children of Saint Benedict, prevented with the benediction of sweetness." Think, without flattery, what you are. Examine whether you have not some particular manner in your actions different from others, which takes away the pleasure of your conversation, and which makes you, perhaps, less acceptable to God, to angels, and to men, and more proud in yourself. Endeavour to rectify it by the model of sweet Saint Benedict's holy Rule and Spirit.

The third point.

Consider, how, in order to relish sweetness well, we should first taste the bitter. The spouse of the Canticle of Canticles saith, that she will climb into the palm-tree, and

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will gather its fruit. The common opinion of the Fathers is, that the palm-tree signifies the cross, mortification, patience, humiliation, and other pains; that by the fruit is understood that which a soul feels by mortification. And after a soul has gathered a bundle of myrrh,—made of the cross, and of all the instruments of the passion of Jesus,—and placed it in her bosom, between the breasts of her affections, suddenly her well-beloved becomes to her a sweet, lovely, and incorruptible balm; it being true that the least act of holy, religious mortification preserves sweetness incorruptible in the soul; and the balm of divine sweetness preserves in her a love of her spouse. Saint Benedict, clearly beholding this verity, would needs have his children, day and night, carry with them, and wear, the bundle of the myrrh of the Cross of Jesus Christ, which is their habit, and wage a ceaseless war with sensuality. For this end, he ordains so many mortifications and humiliations in his Rule, that the life of a Benedictine is a continual mortification, and imitation of their Father; whose sweet heart exulted and leaped for joy in the living God, and exhaled and breathed itself forth in a delicious perfume, standing supported by his beloved disciples before the altar of the God of love, and of sovereign sweetness. And from his triumphant throne in heaven is now, and always, ready to bless and embrace all his true children,—nay, even his repentant prodigal ones.

The colloquy to your blessed Father.

THE DEVOTION OF THE TEN TUESDAYS.*

One day, whilst our holy Father was rapt in most profound contemplation, an angel appeared to him and said,—"Demand of Almighty God whatever you most desire, and your request shall be granted." At this offer, so free, so liberal, and so kind, Saint Benedict, in his humility, knew not what to answer, and remained silent. Whereupon, the angel declared that he brought him from

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Almighty God five favours, which were five especial privileges for all of his order, viz. :—

FIRST, that his Order should continue and maintain itself to the end of the world.

SECONDLY, that at the end of the world it should govern the holy Catholic Church, by comforting the elect, and encouraging them in their Faith, at that time of extreme tribulation.

THIRDLY, that not one of his Order should perish, who should persevere in his call and vocation.

FOURTHLY, that whosoever persecuted his Order, unless afterwards repentant, should certainly come to an ill end.

FIFTHLY, that Almighty God would show especial favours and mercy to those who were friends and protectors of his holy Order and children.

Wherefore, since the Divine goodness is both able and willing, and is accustomed to grant such great graces in favour of our holy Father, who will not have recourse to his holy patronage and protection? Who will not be encouraged to hope for all things from his intercession? Who can be a friend to himself, and be concerned for his own advantage and gain, both temporal and eternal, without entertaining in his heart a most tender affection for this blessed Saint, and his holy Order?

To obtain the protection and intercession of our holy Father, the devotion of *The ten Tuesdays* is recommended. *Tuesday* is the day chosen, because that is the day which the Church has particularly dedicated to his memory; and the number *ten* is assigned, because the Saint was accustomed, ten times every hour, to adore upon his knees the following perfections of Almighty God; viz.—HIS POWER, WISDOM, GOODNESS, IMMENSITY, PROVIDENCE, JUSTICE, MERCY, BENEFICENCE, INFINITY, and CHARITY.

Adopt, then, this devotion, and constantly practise it every year during your whole life.

PRACTICES, ALL, OR ANY, OF WHICH, ARE SUITABLE FOR THE DEVOTION OF THE TEN TUESDAYS.

FIRST, to confess and communicate with devotion.

SECONDLY, to practise some penance, restraint, and mortification, more than usual, on this day.

THIRDLY, to recite before his image (if convenience will permit it), three *Paters* and *Aves*, with three *Glorias*, in thanksgiving to the blessed Trinity for the special favours

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bestowed on him during his life, and for the high degree of glory to which he is exalted in heaven.

FOURTHLY, to reverence, particularly, the blessed Virgin, to whom Saint Benedict was all devoted, by reciting some prayers, or performing some devotion, in her honour, in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the favours bestowed on this blessed Saint, through her most powerful intercession; for her constant protection over the Order; and to beg a continuance thereof.

FIFTHLY, to (say, or) hear Mass in honour of the Saint; and to apply it, by way of suffrage, to that soul in purgatory which in life was most devoted to Saint Benedict.

SIXTHLY, to practise some particular charity to your neighbour and the poor, if you can; or, at least, to compassionate and pray for them.

SEVENTHLY, to add at least a quarter of an hour to your accustomed time of prayer, in meditating on the life and virtues of the Saint, or upon the duty and obligation of the religious state; and for another quarter of an hour to read, or meditate on, your Rule.

EIGHTHLY, to be exactly observant of silence, and on all occasions to mortify your senses; particularly by denying yourself, this day, some liberty thereof.

NINTHLY, to adore ten times a day the Divine perfections mentioned above; which may be done, by saying ten times the *Gloria Patri*, making ten genuflexions, or performing such other exterior acts, accompanied with an interior affection of the heart.

TENTHLY, to renew your promises and vows, made at your solemn profession; and to resolve, by the assistance of Almighty God, and the intercession of the Saint, a full and perfect amendment of all your failings; particularly of that which you know gives most offence and scandal to the community, and into which you are accustomed more frequently and easily to fall.

As a prayer to be said on each of the days, any one of the preceding "Various Prayers" may be used.

If this devotion of the Ten Tuesdays be observed as a preparation for the feast of our holy Father, it will occupy the Tuesdays that occur between the Feast of Saint Bennet Biscop (January 12th), and that of our holy Father. It may also be practised on the ten days that immediately precede it, beginning on the Feast of Saint Gregory the Great (March 12th), and ending on the Feast itself.

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HYMNS IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS, ETC.

I.

From the works of St. Peter Damian, O.S.B., Bp. Card. vol. iv.

Gemma cœléstis pretiósa regis,
Norma justórum, via monachórum,
Nos ab immúndi, Benedícte, mundi
Súbtrahe cœno.

O, costly gem in God's celestial crown,
Benedict! the faithful guide of monk and saint,
On us, thy children, fondly deign look down,
And guard our hearts from earth's corrupting taint.

Tuum solum spernens, cor in astra figens,
Cogis hærédes fíeri paréntes,
Vas Deo plenum reparáre fractum
Promeruísti.

Severing the ties of earthly home, thy soul
Was ravished with the love of things divine:
The broken vessel, once again made whole,
Told what rich stores of merit then were thine.

Magnus in parvis Eremíta membris,
Vincis ætátem, súperas labórem;
Arcta distrîctæ rudiménta vitæ
Férvidus imples.

Within thy gentle frame, thus early glowed
A hermit's soul; hushed was the passion's strife:
With heart inflamed you trod the thorny road,
And scaled the lofty steeps of mystic life.

Strage saxórum púerum sepúltum
Mox ut orásti, prece suscitásti,

The boy, entombed beneath the sunken wall,
One fervent prayer was potent to restore;

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Sensus hinc carni, caro sanitáti
Rédditur æquè.

And to that mangled frame the life recall,
And to those cheeks the bloom that erst they wore.

Jure subbláudæ spécie colúmbæ,
Nésciam fellis ánimam soróris,
Summa stelláti penetráre cœli
Cúlmina cernis.

Beneath the emblem of a gentle dove,
Thou seest thy sister's spirit take its flight,
Borne on the wings of pure seraphic love,
To realms resplendent with celestial light.

Ipse post clarum réferens triúmphum,
Celsa devícto petis astra mundo,
Luce flammántem radiánte cellam
Pállia sternunt.

A like glad triumph was for thee anon,—
Life's struggles o'er, to God thy spirit fled;
Around thy cell the stars serenely shone,
And o'er thy path their flaming mantles spread.

Laus honor Patri, parilíque Proli
Una Majéstas, éadem Potéstas,
Cum quibus Sanctus simul implet omnem
Spíritus orbem. Amen.

To Father, and to Son, in majesty
And power the same, be praise and glory given;
And to the Holy Ghost, who, with them both,
Diffuses life and love through earth and heaven. Amen.

(J. W. B.)

II.

A FILIAL ASPIRATION TO OUR HOLY FATHER ST. BENEDICT.

From *Ascesis Posthuma, Dom. Ignatii Clavenau, O.S.B.*, vol. i.

Alme Pater Benedícte,

O, Benedict! our Father blest!

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Miles Christi nunquam victe,
Turris obediéntiæ !

Audi míserum cliéntem

Tuam legem profiténtem,
Locum da cleméntiæ.

Tuum curro sub vexíllum,

Desolátum me pupíllum,
Pater cito súscipe.

Ne me hujus furibúndi,

Rápiant procéllæ mundi,

Sinu tuo éxcipe.

Doce terram aspernári,

Et divína contemplári,

Summâ diligéntiâ.

Voluntátem abnegáre,

Christum solum adamáre

Totâ meâ ánimâ.

Pro me semper Deum ora,
Sed præcípue in horâ

Mortis fer auxílium.

Votis meis ut servátis,

Ad regnum beatitátis

Evehar perpétuum.
Amen.

Soldier of Christ, in peace and rest
Obedience's chief !

Thy wretched client deign to hear,

Teach me thy holy law to bear,
And give my wants relief.

Beneath thy banner's shade I run ;

Thy desolate, yet willing son,
O ! Father, quick receive.

While earthly storms my soul alarm,

The shield of thy protecting arm
O ! may I never leave.

Then teach me worldly things to spurn ;—

On things divine my mind to turn,
With true and ardent love.

O ! teach me how to curb my will ;

My heart, and mind, and soul to fill
With love of Christ above.

For me to God for ever pray,
And at my death—that fearful day—
Bring not thy aid in vain.

That then, my vows with glory blest,

My weary soul in peace and rest
With Thee may ever reign.
Amen.
(T. B. S.)

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III.

THE HYMN AT MATINS ON THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER.*

Quidquid antíqui cecinére vates,
Quidquid ætérnæ moniménta legis,
Cóntinet nobis celebránda summi
Vita monárchæ.

Whate'er the tuneful prophets teach,
Whate'er the Law of olden days,
Great monarch of ascetic multitudes!
Thy life displays!

Extulit Mosen píetas benígnum,
Inclytum proles Abraham decórat,
Isaac sponsæ decus, et sevéri
Jussa paréntis.

A glorious progeny is Abraham's boast;
Meekness in Moses shone;
Faultless obedience and a beauteous spouse
Were Isaac's crown;

Ipse virtútum cúmulis onústus,
Célsior nostri patriárcha cœtus,
Isaac, Mosen, Abraham sub uno
Péctore clausit.

But our exalted heavenly patriarch,
Immeasurably blest,
Concentres all their glory, virtue, praise,
In his sole breast!

Ipse, quos mundi rápuit procéllis,
Hic pius flatu státuat secúndo:
Pax ubi nullo requiésque gliscit
Mista pavóre.

O! may his arm of might, that caught us up
From the world's stormy tide,
Keep us evermore, where halcyon calm
And peace abide.

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Glória Patri, genitæque Proli,
Et tibi compar utriúsque semper
Spíritus alme, Deus unus omni
Témpore sæcli.
Amen.

Glory eternal to the Father be,
And sole-begotten Son;
With Thee, great Paraclete, eternal Three!
And trinal One! Amen.
(E. C.)

IV.

THE HYMN AT LAUDS, ON THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER.*

Inter ætérnas súperum corónas,
Quas sacro partas rétinent agóne,
Emicas celsis méritis corúscus,
O Benedícte!

Of all eternity's bright diadems,
In Faith's high combat won,
Brighter than thine, celestial Benedict,
There glitter none.

Sancta te compsit púerum senéctus:
Níl sibi de te rápuit volúptas,
Aruit mundi tibi flos, ad alta
Mente leváto.

Pleasure in thee had nought;—the grace of age
Was o'er thy boyhood shed;
All dust to thee the world's fair bloom, whose heart
To heaven had fled.

Hinc fugâ lapsus pátriam, paréntes
Déseris, fervens némorum colónus,
Edomas carnem, subigísque Christo,
Tortor acérbus.

Country and home abandoned, for the depths
Of the lone forest rude;
There, while to Christ thy soul self-mastering,
The flesh subdued;

* Composed by St. Peter the Venerable, Abbot of Clugny. (See "Bibliotheca Cluniacensis," Lutetiæ Parisiorum, A.D. 1614, p. 1350.)

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Ne diu tutus látebras fovéres,
Signa te produnt óperum piórum,
Spárgitur felix céleri per orbem
Fama volátu.

(Glória Patri, Genitæque Proli,
Et tibi compar utriúsque semper
Spíritus alme, Deus unus omni
Témpore sæcli.
Amen.)

Lo! thee unknown, thy peerless miracles
A saint of God display;
And forth through all the world thy glory speeds,
On wings of day.

(Glory eternal to the Father be,
And sole-begotten Son;
With Thee, great Paraclete, eternal Three!
And trinal One! Amen.)
(E. C.)

V.

CONTINUATION OF THE PRECEDING HYMN, AS COMPOSED BY ST. PETER.

Fracta restaúras prece præpoténti,
Frangis oblátum cruce mortis haustum;
Currit ignárus Mónachus per undas,
Patre jubénte.

Thy prayer renews the sieve; the Cross's sign
Reveals the deadly drink:
Thou spokest the word, and Maurus treads the waves,
Nor fears to sink.

Vérberas fratrem, fugit hostis atrox:
Ad manus ferrum redit e profúndo;
Præcipis rupi, vomit illa rivos
Arva rigántes.

Thou strikest the monk,—the black fiend flies; the deep
Its axe restores to hand:
Thou strikest the rock, and fertilizing streams
Gush o'er the land.

Ales agréstis sibi jussa complet,
Lora constricti piè visa solvis:

Thy look unbinds the captives' bonds; thy voice
The gentle birds obey:

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Cónspicis mundum rádio sub uno,
Raptus ad astra.

In heaven's light, thou seest the world beneath
One solar ray.

Mórtuum vitæ révocas precándo,
Corda multórum pénetras prophéta:
Cernis ad cœlos ánimas levári
Clarificátus.

Thy prayer awakes the slumbering dead; the depths
Of hearts thou fathomest:
Thine eyes can trace the soaring spirit's flight
To mansions blest.

Laudet exúltans Déitas creátrix,
Te chori nostri júbilus perénnis:
Quem poli jungas súperis choréis,
Quæsumus omnes.
Amen.

O'er thee may God His glory spread; thy praise
Inspire our earthly song:
Thy children all, fond saint! at length unite
To God's bright throng.
Amen.
(J. W. B.)

VI.

FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF OUR HOLY FATHER INTO FRANCE.

BY THE SAME.

Claris conjúbila Gállia cántibus,
Lætéris Benedícti Patris óssibus:
Felix quæ grémio cóndita próprio
Servas membra celébria.

Through all thy land, fair France! sing hymns of joy,
For with a peerless treasure art thou blessed!
The saintly bones of saintly Benedict,
Within thy hallowed soil have sought their rest.

Miris Itália fúlserat áctibus,
Gallos irrádiat córpore mórtuus;

Italy beheld, in life, his splendour bright;
France sees, in death, his wonder-working hand;

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Signis ad túmulum crébrius émicat,
Illústrans pátriam novam.

And from his tomb irradiates a light,
That sheds its beams o'er his adopted land.

Hinc vatum véterum facta resúscitat,
Morti quod líbuit mórtuus ímperat:
Extínctum própriis óssibus éxcitat;
O quàm mira poténtia!

Once more are wrought the wondrous deeds of old;
The dead commands, and death gives back its prize!
How great the virtue of that sacred touch,
Which caused the sleeping dead to wake, and rise!

Navis per flúvium nat sine rémige,
Mirándo gláciem díssecat ímpetu,
Sancti membra ferens óbvia flúmini,
Undas retrò revérberat.

The bark that bears along those dear remains,
Nor oar, nor sail impels along its way;
Boldly it rides against the rushing stream,
Or cleaves the ice that would its course delay.

Edúctum flúvio sensit ut árida,
Non curans gélidi frígora témporis,
Vestit cuncta novis íllicò flóribus
Mutátâ fácie soli.

The land is gained; when, lo!—despite the frost,
And winter's chilly blasts,—the saintly dead
Calls forth the vernal flowers, and all around,
O'er Nature's face, a verdant bloom is spread.

Jam cœlo résidens, O Pater óptime,
Divínis fámulos ímbue régulis;
Angústum per iter scándere lárgiens,
Dona regna perénnia.

O, Father dear! from thy high seat of bliss,
Implant thy holy spirit in our breast,
And guide us safe, along that narrow path,
That leads us on to realms of endless rest.

Cunctórum dóminans Omnipoténtia,
Tu, qui sede poli cónspicis ómnia:

Omnipotence supreme! who rulest all,
And from Thy lofty throne dost search our ways,

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Psalléntûm plácidè súscipe cántica,
Votis, voce precántia.
Amen.

In mercy deign to hear our psalmody,
That wafts on high the voice of prayer and praise.
Amen.
(J. W. B.)

VII.

FROM "HYMNI SACRI ET NOVI" OF V. SANTEUIL, CAN. REG. S. AUG.

Desérta, valles, lustra, solitúdines,
Satis sub altâ nocte, sub nigrâ specu
Celástis olim, quando terris dégeret,
Qui nunc Olýmpo fulget inter cœlites.

Ye deserts, groves, and pathless solitudes,
Tell of the scenes ye witnesséd of old!
When in your wild and gloomy haunts ye bore
Him, who now reigns midst joys that are untold.

Quis ille, testes nam fuístis, dícite;
Quot saxa fusis irrigárit flétibus,
Et vestra, quantis et quibus suspíriis
Turbárit hospes hic novus, siléntia?

Tell! how with streams of tears he oft bedewed
Your rocky soil, whence smiling flowers arose;
Tell! how with sighs and groans he oft disturbed
The sacred silence of your stern repose.

Et tu fidélis, tot labórum cónscia
Spelúnca, vivi ceu sepúlcrum córporis,
Tuis sub umbris, quanta, dic, affúlserit
Pro sole mundi, solis ætérni dies.

Thou, faithful cavern! that alone couldst know
Those wondrous labours, nobly undergone;
Tell us! how bright, around that sacred head,
Amidst thy gloom, the rays of glory shone.

Sedárit ille quo cibo duram famem,
Sitímque longam quo levárit póculo,

Say, with what food are nature's wants relieved!
Say, with what cup he quenched his long-borne thirst.

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Quo membra lecto stráverit languéntia,
Quinam sodáles, et quibúscum víxerit.

Tell, on what couch his weary limbs reposed!
Tell, if with men or angels he conversed!

Quo mundus ardet, et quod ardénter colit,
Sordébat illi, floris instar áridi;
Terréna grandi cuncta despéctans fide,
Noctes, diésque cógitat cœléstia.

What worldlings covet,—glory, riches, birth,—
He held as dross, or as the fading flowers;
In his great soul, despising things of earth,
Midst heaven's joys he spends the fleeting hours.

Ne prava lædant críminum contágia,
Romam, sodáles, et suos, et se fugit:
Te Christe, solum scire, te studet sequi
Prudens, et altâ doctus ignoréntiâ.

Lest his chaste soul should feel the taint of crime,
From Rome, from kindred,—yea, from self,—he flies;
Burning alone with love of things divine,
Schooled not in letters, yet most deeply wise.

Tutus profúndis non satis recéssibus,
Ne quid parúmper turbet atténtum Deo,
Prærúpta quærit, et specus impérvias
Semet relínquit jam relíctis ómnibus.

Then, leaving self and all things else behind,
He seeks a home midst solitudes untrod;
Far from the haunts of sinful human kind,
Rapt in the mystic vision of his God.

Patri perénne sit per ævum glória,
Tibíque laudes totus orbis cóncinat,
Ætérne nate, splendor ætérni Patris:
Compar sit almo laus decúsque Flámini. Amen.

To Thee, Eternal Father! glory be,—
To Thee, O Son! our suppliant voice we raise,—
O Holy Ghost! of equal majesty,
Receive the homage of our love and praise. Amen.

(J. W. B.)

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VIII.

FROM THE SAME.

Ille, quo terris duce militámus,
Intrat ætérnas Benedíctus arces:
Annuos hujus celebrémus hymnis
Ritè triúmphos.

Hic Deo plenus puer, altióres
Cóncavæ rupis fugit in recéssus:
Nil domûs splendor, nec opes, nec obstat
Móllior ætas.

Vilis arébat decor iste mundi,
Passa jam longos velut herba soles;
Nóverat pulchris male deliténtem
Flóribus anguem.

Factus immánis novus hospes antri,
Nil Deum præter videt; hunc profúnda
Cónsulit, rerum strépitu siléntę,
Mentis in aulâ.

Ille dum secum, sine fine longos
Cómputat vitæ melióris annos,
Cuncta confúndens, fugiéntis ævi
Témpora nescit.

With gladsome hymns the festal joys we sing,
Great champion of our fight!
This day in triumph Benedict ascends
The realms of light.

Whilst yet a gentle boy, alone, he sought
The solitudes untrod;
Not tender age, not home, nor wealth could tear
His soul from God.

As herbage parched beneath a summer's sun,
He held this world of ours;
He saw the wily serpent coiled beneath
The sweetest flowers.

Enshrined within that rugged cave, alone
On God he fixed his gaze;
All clamour hushed, his inmost soul adored
His wondrous ways.

And there, unceasingly, he counted o'er
Those endless years of bliss;
Rapt in yon future world, he nothing knew
That chanced in this.

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Invidus totas movet hostis artes;
Obsidet, turbat, júvenem lacéssit,
Ossibus miscet male blandiéntis
Sémina flammæ.

But, lo! the tempter all those wiles displays
That sin and sorrow bring;
And in his chaste and youthful frame implants
A deadly sting.

Sensit ut cæcos malesános ignes,
Se per hirsútos agitáre vepres
Cœpit; abscédens láceros volúptas
Hórruit artus.

He felt the secret wound; and on the earth
He rolled, midst brier and thorn;
The demon foiled, brooked not those bleeding limbs,
Mangled and torn.

Nostra Te summum célebrent Paréntem
Ora, te summo génitum Paránte;
Par sit ambórum Tibi laus per omne,
Spíritus, ævum.
Amen.

Eternal King—Parent of all!—to Thee
Our suppliant hearts we raise;
To Thee, Eternal Son!—blest Paraclete, to Thee!—
Be endless praise. Amen.
(J. W. B.)

IX.

FROM THE SAME.

Surge, quid cessas? Benedicte, prodi
E tuo demum redivívus antro:
Pósceris mundo, tua te revélat
Cógnita virtus.

Rise, gentle hermit! from thy desert rock,
Return once more to earth;
The nations call—no darksome cave can hide
Thy priceless worth.

Te decet sacros reparáre cultus;
Te rudes morum répetunt magístrum;

Thine be the task the Church's wounds to heal!
And, 'neath the yoke of Truth,

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Pro tuo spondent dóciles alúmni,
Vívere nutu.

To bend the neck of rude and stubborn age,
And gentle youth.

Viva lux ægros necat intuéntes :
Néscius flecti sibi fecit hostes :
Mors propinátur : crucis icta signo
Rúmpitur urna.

Thy light was death to some ; the shades of darkness fled
Where'er its radiance fell ;
The poisoned cup was shivered, when it knew
The cross's spell.

Cedit ingrátis fugitívus oris ;
Se suæ nocti, latebrísque reddit,
Liber, exúltans habitáre secum,
Cétera mittit.

Then to the barren rock, and lonesome cave,
The saint departs once more ;
There, in sweet solitude, eternal joys
To ponder o'er.

Quo ruis præceps ? tibi numen obstat :
Non potest tantum latitáre lumen.
Prole debétur tibi pro rebélli,
Súbdita proles.

Stay, gentle Father ! — thus kind Heaven cries—
Seek not those haunts again ;
For faithful sons shall cluster round thee yet,
A countless train.

Impio dudum temeráta cultu
Lustra Cassíni petis alta montis :
Ultor infámes, Erebro freménte,
Díruis aras.

O'er Cassin's mount, with impious rites defiled,
The Church's flag unfurl ;
And from their ancient seats, those shrines accursed
Thine arm shall hurl.

Hìc novos ritus, nova templa ponis ;
Bárbaras Christum resonáre gentes
Hìc doces ; sese fera corda per te
Súbdere discunt.

There build new temples ;—thence, o'er nations, shed
The glorious light of God ;
There teach proud hearts to feel the rein, and bend
Beneath thy rod.

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Hìc tuæ prolis, pater alme, cunæ ;
Quæ vagos cœli radiántis ignes,
Ex maris vasti número caréntes
Vincet arénas.

Nurtured beneath thy fostering care, sweet saint !
Thence shall an offspring rise,
Vast as the sands that line the deep, or stars
That deck the skies.

Hæc erat tellus tibi destinata ;
Hìc patrem sancti pópuli futúrum,
Monte sub sacro, própior docébit
Te Deus intus.

Behold the spot destined by God for thee ;—
There, 'neath that sacred mount,
Father of saintly peoples ! thou shalt drink
From Wisdom's fount.

Régulam, cœlo prius approbánte,
Scribis ; hæc vitæ spéciem beátæ :
Tota mens patris viget hìc ; patérna
Jussa sequámur.

Thence shalt thou draw that golden rule of life,
Sweet guide to peace and rest,—
Those loving precepts may we ever keep,
O Father blest !

Nostra Te summum célebrent Paréntem
Ora, Te summo Génitum Paránte ;
Par sit ambórum tibi laus per omne,
Spíritus, ævum.
Amen.

Eternal King—Parent of all !—to Thee
Our suppliant hearts we raise ;
To Thee, Eternal Son !—blest Paraclete, to Thee !
Be endless praise. Amen.
(J. W. B.)

X.

FROM THE SAME.

Te probant terris manifésta signa ;
Ut jubes, jussis eleménta parent :

Far-sounding wonders tell on earth thy power,—
Nature her laws reversed at thy command ;

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Advolat Maurus, solidósque fidens
Ambulat amnes.

With prompt obedience Maurus seeks the lake,
And treads its waters as the solid land.

Rupe de durâ súbitò liquéntes
Elicis rivos; loca sicca stagnant:
Jussa mors primæ redivíva luci
Córpora reddit.

Thou spokest the word, and from the rugged rock
Streamlets gush forth, and bathe the arid earth:
Stern Death, when bade, lets go his iron grasp,
And gives to forms once his, a second birth.

Régio dum se Gothus apparátu,
Prædicat regem, simulántis artes
Détegis; diro metuénda pandis
Fata tyránno.

In vain the Goth, in regal garments decked,
Seeks to deceive thee, feigning him a king;
To the real tyrant, not the counterfeit,
Thou tellest the dreadful fates that time will bring.

Aspicis solis rádio sub uno
Vana collécti simulácra mundi:
Cuncta decréscunt, Deus unus imo
Péctore crescit.

All the vain phantoms of this chequered life,
Beneath one solar ray he sees compressed;
All else grows dim, whilst God—and He alone—
Absorbs his gaze, and fills his ardent breast.

Præscius mortis prope jam futúræ,
Ut novas vires animósque sumat,
Páscitur Christo, solidáque pastus
Fervet ab escâ.

Forewarnéd that his course is soon to end,
With courage to renew his sinking frame
The Bread of Life he takes; forthwith his soul
Is all on fire with love's consuming flame.

Flebat adstántium pia turba fratrum;

The choir of brethren, weeping, stand around,

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Ille gaudébit properáre cœlo,
Visa, quâ transit, radiáre longa
Sémita lucis.

Whilst he his soul breathes forth in joy and peace,
A ray of dazzling brightness gilds the sky,
And marks its passage to the realms of bliss.

Quâ viâ celsas tibi pandis arces,
Fac tuos illâ, Pater, ire natos,
Et, tuâ tandem prece, nos beátis
Cœtibus adde.

To that bright land may we thy sons aspire,
And tread the path that erst by thee was trod;
Assist us, holy Father, by thy prayer,
And draw us after thee to reign with God.

Nostra Te summum célebrent Paréntem
Ora, Te summo Génitum Paránte;
Par sit ambórum Tibi laus per omne,
Spíritus, ævum.
Amen.

Eternal King—Parent of all! to Thee
Our suppliant voice do we in homage raise;
To Thee, Eternal Son!—blest Paraclete!—
To Thee! all glory be, for endless days. Amen.

(J. W. B.)

XI.

THE FOLLOWING HYMNS ARE TAKEN FROM "HYMNI LATINI MEDII ÆVI." *

Benedícti præcónia
Prosequántur discípuli,
Qui post ejus vestígia
Florem sprevére sæculi.

Let all who glory in the name
Of Benedict's blest sons, rejoice;
And, earth despising, loud proclaim
His praises with exulting voice.

* By F. J. Mone, vol. iii. Friburgi, Brisgoviæ. There are a few others in the same collection which are not suitable for the "Manual." The one that immediately follows is No. 835 in the above work.

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E Núrsiâ progénitus
Purè transit infántiam,
Inspirátus divínitùs
Mundum liquit et pátriam.

In Nursia born, he there had spent
In innocence his childhood's days,
When, heaven directed, forth he went,
And fled from worldly ties and praise.

Nutrícis fletum íntuens,
Fractum refórmat vásculum,
Laudes humánas réspuens,
Specûs petit latíbulum.

His nurse's tears he, pitying, sees;
Miraculously her sieve repairs;
To caverned rocks, from fame, then flees,
To spend his hours in silent prayers.

Exit ardens cum lúmine;
Fratrum dispónit céllulas,
Edóctus non ab hómine,
Sacras compónit régulas.

Inflamed with zeal, those prayers he leaves,
With cells his followers to provide;
A code of laws from heaven receives,
To be to bliss their certain guide.

De petrâ fontes élicit,
Unda calcátur pédibus,
Corvus mandáta pérficit,
Ferrum natat in flúctibus.

From stubborn rocks he water draws;
Obedient to the word he gave
Even iron swims; the birds his laws
Fulfil, and Maurus treads the wave.

In morte dolet æmuli,
Defúncti redit hálitus,
Curat languóres pópuli,
Farína datur cœlitùs.

A rival's death he sore bewails;
To life by prayer restores the dead;
O'er death and pestilence prevails;
The hungry fills with saving bread.

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Colléctum mundum cónspicit,
Corda scrutátur hóminum,
Præsens futúra próspicit,
Vitæ prædícit términum.

The universe his glance pervades;
The secrets of the heart he knows;
Unveils the future's darkest shades;
Of life foretells the uncertain close.

Transit in fratrum mánibus,
Scandit lucis per sémitam;
Præsta, Pater, sequéntibus
Te sequi per hanc órbitam.

At death, before his children's view,
He mounts to heaven through paths of light;
Kind Father! let their feet pursue
Thy footsteps to those realms so bright.

Jesu, sanctórum glória,
Tibi sit benedíctio,
Benedíctis nos sócia
Benedícti suffrágio.
Amen.

Jesus! of saints the blessed prize,
To Thee let endless praise be given;
And through our Saint's sweet prayers and sighs,
Grant us the bliss of saints in heaven. Amen.
(J. K.)

XII.

FROM THE SAME.*

In Benedícti laúdibus
Psallámus claris vócibus
Summo regi præcónia
Devóti cordis débita.

The hymn of joy, the song of praise,
Let us with voice resounding raise;
And, to our God, this blessed day,
Of grateful hearts the tribute pay.

* No. 836.

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Ultrò solvéntes ánnua
Nostri Patris solémnia,
Qui vitæ normam móribus
Liquit Christi fidélibus.

Whilst, with devoted love, each year
We homage to our Founder bear,
Who taught Christ's flocks the path of sin
To shun, and life eternal win.

Adhuc infans nutrículæ
Suæ compássus íntimè,
Vas, quod incaútè frégerat,
Extémplò hic resólidat.

In childhood's days he gives relief
To his fond nurse's poignant grief,
And as her broken sieve she mourns,
To her kind hands it whole returns.

Igitur, ne sic péreat
Laúdibus, abrenúnciat
Ejus natáli pátriæ,
Habílitans se grátiæ.

And then, afraid lest empty praise
Should lead him into sinful ways,
He boldly follows grace's call,
And leaves for God, his home, his all.

Nil scire ducens cómmodum
Nisi crucis mystérium,
Philosophíæ réspuit
Arguménta, nec dídicit.

Deep in the Cross's mystery taught,
No other knowledge now he sought;
From proud philosophy he turned,
And all its light and wisdom spurned.

Ergo Maurus vestígia
Magístri sequens árdua,
Qui in obediéntiâ
Expértus est mirácula.

By his example safely led,
His followers in his footsteps tread;
And, in obedience perfect still,
Even signs and miracles fulfil.

Cùm ad Patris impérium

Thus at his master's high behest,

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Mox eleméntum líquidum
Transcúrrens, velut sólidum,
Mersúmque traxit Plácidum.

Maurus, with faith confiding blest,
Along the waters walks, and saves
His brother Placid from the waves.

Nunc patrum concors cóncio
Devótè laudet ádeò,
Ut ímpetret a Dómino,
Poli nos jungi gaúdio.

And now, let all unite in love,
With earnest prayers our God to move,
That, in our holy Father's train,
We may celestial joys obtain.

Benedicámus Dómino,
Laudétur Sancta Trínitas,
De Benedícto sérvulo
Deo dicámus grátias.
Amen.

Blest be the God of Unity!
Blest be the Holy Trinity!
Yes! let high praise and thanks to Heaven
For Benedict's great name be given. Amen.

(J. K.)

XIII.

FROM THE SAME.*

Ad laudem summi Príncipis
Hymnum canámus hódiè,
Atque Maríæ Vírginis
Matris misericórdiæ.

On this auspicious day let's raise
A song of triumph to our King;
And, Mother of Mercy! of thy name
The glories bright, let's jointly sing.

Benedíctus a Dómino,
Deo Patri et Fílio,

For, dearly loved, and greatly blest,
By God the Father and the Son,—

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Atque Sancto Paráclito,
Gaudet ætérno júbilo.

As likewise by the Paraclete,—
Our saint eternal joys has won.

Gaudet divína Trínitas
De Benedícto hódiè,
Atque Christi humánitas
Concépta sine sémine.

The Trinity, in Godhead one,
The Word made flesh by power divine,
With joy behold our saint's renown,
This day in boundless glory shine.

Gaudet cœléstis cúria
De Benedícto fámulo,
Atque mater Ecclésia
Cum Románo império.

The heavenly hosts, and holy Church,
Wherever spreads the Roman name,
For Benedict's renown rejoice,
And with glad eyes behold his fame.

Gaudent sancti archángeli
De Benedícti Ordine,
Et univérsi ángeli,
Cœléstes sine crímine.

Archangels bright, and angels pure,
From earthly stain of sin all free,
In his great Order's spotless life
Their own bright state reflected see.

Gaudent sancti apóstoli,
Confessóres et vírgines,
De régulâ sanctíssimi
Benedícti, et Vírginis.

To praise the rule of life he gave,
(Our Blessed Mother's sweet delight)
The apostles' choir, and virgins mild,
With holy confessors unite.

Gaudet tota Itália,
Cum omni suo pópulo,
Atque fidélis Núrsia,
De suo primogénito.

Italia too, and all her tribes,
With faithful Nursia, join their voice,
Its first-born saint exultingly
To praise, and in his fame rejoice.

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Gaudeámus in Dómino
Nos omnes veri clérici,
De Benedícto mónacho,
Et omnes sancti mónachi.

And we, who, in our persons bear
Of priests and monks the dignity,
Let's bless the Lord, for Benedict's
Sweet innocence and purity.

Hic tactus sacro lúmine
Omnem errórem réspuit,
Hic totum mundum rénuit,
Et semper dives éxtitit.

Guided by Heaven's unerring light,
Secure from error's snares he trod,
And, slighting this world's wealth and pride,
Found riches in the love of God.

O divína cleméntia !
O summa sapiéntia !
Quæ fecit talem hóminem
Esse dívitem paúperem.
Amen.

Thou source of mercy! wisdom's fount!
Who didst declare with sweetest love,
Though poor in wealth, how rich in grace
Thy servant Benedict could prove. Amen.

(J. K.)

XIV.

(CONTINUATION OF THE SAME HYMN.)

Hic vir in terrâ hábitans,
In cœlis semper méditans,
Hic vir, non vir, sed ángelus,
Omni virtúte præditus.

Human nature far excelling,
With angelic virtues blest,
Though on earth our saint is dwelling,
Still in heaven his thoughts find rest.

Tu divinórum hóminum
Coróna es, et ómnium ;

Holy men of every Order
Find in him their crown and pride ;

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Per te fides cathólica
Nitet per mundi clímata.

Through the earth's most distant border
Faith through him shines far and wide.

Hic pater verè ínclytus,
Hic spíritus seráphicus,
Hic est in carne ángelus,
A Deo missus cœlitùs.

With seraphic fire all glowing,
Sent by Him who rules above,
Angels' bliss on earth bestowing,
Pure, he taught the ways of love.

De ejus plenitúdine
Totus mundus irrádiat,
De magno suo Ordine
Repléta est Ecclésia.

In his ardent virtue's splendour
Shines the world with fuller light,
In his Order's wide-spread grandeur
Mother Church finds her delight.

Hic est secútus régulam
Divínam, apostólicam,
In potu, cibo, véstibus,
Atque virtúte, móribus.

Ever heavenly doctrines teaching,
An apostle's life he lived;
Fasting, praying, always preaching
Truths he rom above received.

Tuis devótis fámulis
Prestò, mi Pater, súbveni,
Ut précibus contínuis
Sint tuo amóre férvidi.

To the assistance, dearest Father,
Of thy children come apace,
That they may from thy love gather
Strength to run in Virtue's race.

Tu moniáles vígiles
Devótas fac, et húmiles;

And, that with the heart's deep motion
Virgins' lips may sing to thee,

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Ut te devótè, sédulè,
Te laudent, Benedícte!

Grant the gift of pure devotion,—
Grant them sweet humility.

Quæso, O Pater ínclyte,
Benedícte dulcíssime!
Ipsas devótas prótege
Ab omni malo et crímine.

Yes, from sin's contamination,
From all evil guard them well;
That, at this life's termination,
They in heaven with thee may dwell.

O lux mundi, et spéculum,
Benedícte sanctíssime!
Ora pro nobis Dóminum,
Lumen sancte Ecclesiæ!

Light of every footstep weary!
Of Heaven's will thou brightest ray!
Through this darksome world so dreary,
Pray to God to guide our way.

Glória Patri Dómino,
Et Benedícto mónacho,
Qui cum Maríæ Fílio
Semper regnat cum gaúdio.

Let us, with exulting spirits,
Praise our father, guide, and friend;
Who, with Mary's Son, inherits
Joys and bliss that never end.

Benedicámus Dómino,
Laudétur Sancta Trínitas;
De Benedícto sérvulo
Deo dicámus grátias.
Amen.

Glory to the Lord of heaven!
Glory to the Trinity!
For our saint's renown be given
Thanks through all eternity.
Amen.

(J. K.)

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XV.

FROM THE SAME.*

Christe, Fili Jesu Summi,
mentes nostras vísita,
Coæquáli Patri, atque
Nato, alme Spíritus,
Una virtus, lumen unum,
Deus perpes ex Deo.

Jesus, Thou Son of God Most High!
And Thou, Blest Spirit! whose pure name,
With God the Father, and the Son,
Possesses equal power and fame,—
Visit our souls with grace divine,
And round our hearts your love entwine.

Auge fidem puram nostris
semper clemens sénsibus,
Quo beáti Benedícti
colámus solémnia,
Ut exémplum pii Patris
ne desit discípulis.

Ever increase our languid faith,
True light unto our darkness bring;
That we our Father's glory, praise,
With fervent lips this day may sing;
And, lest our wandering feet should stray,
Grant us his precepts to obey.

Quem donásti tuo, Christe,
cœlésti cum múnere,
Ut honórem mundi omnem
mente flocci pénderet,
Teque solum fontem vitæ
diligeret pérpetis.

O! teach us in his steps to tread,
To shun all honours here below;
Ever to Thee our eyes to raise,
Ever on Thee our thoughts bestow;
In Thee alone our trust to place,
The source of love, of light, and grace.

* No. 838.

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Alme Christi sempitérni
Benedícte conféssor,
Cum cæteris Dei Sanctis
nunc pro nobis súpplica
Christo quo dignétur esse
peccátis propítius.

Great Confessor of Christ's sweet name,
Blest Benedict! thy power display:
And, joined with all the saints above,
To Him for us with ardour pray,
That our poor souls, for whom He gave
His life, He may from peril save.

Doxa Deo Patri trinam
sit regénti máchinam,
Ejúsque Proli laus perpes
necnon Sancto Pneúmati,
Trinis quibus in persónis
regnat una Déitas.
Amen.

To God the Father, endless praise,
Who rules the world His hands have made;
And to the Son, and Holy Ghost,
Be equal glory, honour paid;
In essence One, in persons Three,
He reigns throughout eternity.
Amen.
(J. K.)

XVI.

FROM THE SAME.*

Magno canéntes ánnua
Nunc Benedícto cántica,
Fruámur hujus ínclytæ
Festivitátis gaúdiis.

O! gently let our bosoms feel
The joys, that sweetly o'er them steal,
On this all glorious day!
When we our yearly tribute bring,
And Benedict's great glories sing,
That never shall decay.

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Qui fulsit ut sidus novum
Mundána pellens núbila,
Ætátis ipso límine
Despéxit ævi flórida.

Who, like a star that glitters bright,
Brought to this world a purer light,
Before which darkness flies;
And fleeing from the world's gay smiles
In boyhood's days, resolved its wiles,
And pleasures to despise.

Miraculórum præpotens,
Attáctus almo flámine,
Resplénduit prodígiis,
Ventúra sæclo præcinens.

Gifted by Heaven with powers divine,
In signs and miracles to shine,
He prodigies displayed:
Inspired the future to unfold,
Its hidden truths he sure foretold,
Its secrets open laid.

Non ante sæclis cógnitum
Noctu jubar effúlserat,
Quo totus orbis cérnitur
Et hæc terra conspícitur.

Like some bright star, before unseen,
That, o'er the firmament its sheen
In glittering radiance showers;
Thus, as before men's eyes he passed,
O'er this dark world, with night o'ercast,
The light of heaven he pours.

Sit Trinitáti glória,
Sit perpes et sublímitas,
Quæ tam lucérnam fúlgidam
Donávit nostro sæculo.
Amen.

Let glory to the Trinity,
In Godhead one, in Persons three,
Through endless years be given;
Who, to lost man, such mercy showed,
And such a shining lamp bestowed,
To guide his way to heaven. Amen.

(J. K.)

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XVII.

FROM THE SAME.*

A Sequence.

Benedícte, mérita
Ut reboéntur ínclyta,
Nostras mentes éxcita
Prece piâ.

O, Blessed Saint! through endless days,
That we to thee the song of praise,
With joyous hearts and minds may raise,
Most earnest pray.

Pátribus cum céteris
Pater verè díceris,
Tuis datus pósteris
Lux et via.

We hail thee Patriarch! for thee,
Like those of old, the Deity
Bestowed on thy posterity
To light their way.

Tu Enoch dulcédine,
Tu Noe regímine,
Abraham cum sémine
Benedíctus.

With Enoch's gentle spirit blest,
With Noah's wisdom in thy breast,
An Abraham in thy seed confessed,
With joy we see.

Isaac obédiens,
Jacob multa pátiens,
Et Joseph proficiens
Verè dictus.

Isaac's obedience, truly blind,
And Jacob's patient, humble mind,
With Joseph's dignity, we find
Renewed in thee.

Moyses es régulis,
Josue miráculis,
Et David in pópulis
Nominátus.

A lawgiver, like Moses meek,
Like Josue, thy wonders speak;
David too, the peoples seek
Thy guiding light.

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Sálomon prudéntiâ,
Elías constántiâ,
Elisæus cópiâ
Farris datus.

Of Solomon, the prudent mind,
Elias' fortitude, the kind
Elizeus' charity, combined,
In thee unite.

Isáiæ véritas,
Jeremíæ cáritas,
Daniélis cástitas
Recomméndat.

Isaiah's truthful lips are thine:
While Jeremiah's love divine,
And Daniel's chastest spirit shine
All pure in thee.

Te prophétis cónscium,
Apóstolis et sócium,*
Tuúmque martýrium
Mens atténdat.

With martyrs' ardent zeal on fire,
Thy soul a prophet's thoughts inspire;
A member of the apostles' choir
We hail in thee.

Tu conféssor nítidus,
Tu es virgo cándidus,
Cœlum scandis spléndidus
Victor fortis.

A confessor in sanctity,
A virgin clothed in purity,
We see thee mount triumphantly,
To realms of love.

Nos tecum fac scándere
Mundátos a scélere,
Noli nos desérere
Horâ mortis.
Amen.

And when this earthly toil is o'er,
Grant that, the slaves of sin no more,
Our rescued souls through thee may soar
To bliss above.
Amen.

(J. K.)

*. Apostolis The *lacuna* supplied; *socium* suggested by Mone.

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XVIII.

FROM THE SAME.*

Christi favénte grátiâ,
Résonet plebs obnóxia
Benedícti præcónia,
Et tam festíva gaúdia.

With joyful minds and willing hearts,
While Heaven its helping grace imparts,
Let all, on this auspicious day,
To Benedict their homage pay.

Vir vitæ venerábilis,
Virtútis ineffábilis,
Vir ópere laudábilis,
Doctrína commendábilis.

Who, pure in thought, in virtue strong,
Through life majestic moves along;
While miracles, that glorious shine,
His doctrines prove to be divine.

Ætas in puerílibus
Transit et cedit móribus,
Spretis patérnis ómnibus
Hæret supérnis cívibus.

His years in innocence he spends,
As youth with age he sweetly blends;
And, quitting home and all its ties,
Seeks for companions in the skies.

Rejéctâ sæculárium
Curâ prætereúntium,
Tollit moræ dispéndium,
Mundum fugit et vítium.

This fleeting world he boldly spurns,
And from its cares and vices turns;
For, when its evil ways he sees,
Quick from its luring snares he flees.

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Spíritu duce ágitur,
In desértum addúcitur,
Caro victa prostérnitur,
Mentis legi subjícitur.

Led by the Almighty's guiding hand,
For peace he seeks a desert land,
And, that the mind o'er all might sway,
He forced his flesh his will to obey.

Régula vitæ scríbitur,
Facto doctrína próditur,
Fratrum cœtus adjícitur,
Sanctum nomen effúnditur.

A "Rule of life" he writes, to prove
How fruitful are the works of love;
For countless followers soon appear,
His glory through the world to bear.

Patris beáti mérito,
Laus, et honor Ingénito,
Glória Unigénito,
Virtus summa Paráclito.
Amen.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Ghost, blest Three in One,
Be honour, praise, and glory given
In our saint's name, through earth and heaven. Amen.

(J. K.)

XIX.

FROM THE SAME.*

Plenæ messis manípulis,
Congregátis discípulis,
Miris splendet miráculis,
Viæ lucérna pópulis.

Surrounded by his followers' glorious bands,
Like sheaves on harvest-day,
Our wonder-working Saint a beacon stands,
To point to heaven the way.

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In paupertátis prædiis,
Duodénis cœnóbiis
Distribútis in fíliis,
Ac sanctórum collégiis.

Twelve famous monasteries he had raised,
Sweet Poverty's abode!
Where, saint-like, ever his disciples praised,
In peace and joy, their God.

Post specum, quem incóluit,
Ubi lux mundo cláruit,
Castrum Cassínum ténuit,
Cui præfuit et prófuit.

Then, leaving all, he quitted that lone cave
Where first began his fame,
And to Cassino's cloistered cells he gave,
Throughout the world, a name.

Hinc post virtútum cúmulum,
Mortis hujus ergástulum
Solvens, et carnis víniculum,
Transit ad Dei pópulum.

Hence, having gloriously maintained the fight
Of virtue and of love,
His soul, o'er death triumphant, took her flight
To join the saints above.

Fratrem, sorórem pópulus
Deflet, et omnis óculus;
Quos sanctórum fascículus
Servat, et idem túmulus.

The brother and the sister all deplore,
And o'er their memory weep;
While their blest souls, their earthly warfare o'er,
In peace united sleep.

Benedíctus in grátiâ,
Benedíctus in glóriâ,
Nobis de cœli cúriâ
Grata ferat auxília.

O! blest alike in glory, grace, and name!
Look down on us below;
To struggling souls thy mighty power proclaim,
And timely aid bestow.

Patris beáti mérito
Laus, et honor Ingénito,
Glória Unigénito,
Virtus summa Paráclito.
Amen.

Through our Saint's name, to God, who rules in heaven,
Thrice blessed Three in One!
Be highest honour, praise, and glory given,
While endless ages run.
Amen.

(J. K.)

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ENGLISH HYMNS.

(*The following Hymn was composed by the Very Rev. F. W. Faber, D.D., of the Oratory, London, for "The Little Page."*)

Father of many children! in the gloom
Of the long past, how beautiful thou art!
And still, dear Saint! the weary nations come
To drink from out thine unexhausted heart.

There are sweet waters in thy fountains still,
In every changeful age they have been flowing;
While faithful sons thy destinies fulfil
Through the wide world, like rivers in their going.

Kings, with thy wisdom in their hearts, dear Saint!
Have grown more royal 'neath thy Christlike rule;
And when the earth with ignorance was faint,
Learning found shelter in thy tranquil school.

Deserts have blossomed where thy feet have trod;
Thy homes have been safe shelters for the weary;
And in dark times the glory of our God
Fled to thy houses to find sanctuary.

O Benedict! thy special gifts are peace,
Freedom of heart, and sweet simplicity.
They fail not with the ages, but increase,
As thine own graces grew of old in thee.

Give us great hearts, dear Father!—hearts as wide
As thine, that was far wider than the world;—
Hearts by incessant labour sanctified,
Yet with the peace of prayer within them furled.

Thou art the Christian Abraham,—to thee,
Saint of insatiate love! thy God hath given,
For thy grand faith, a sainted family,
Countless as are the crowded stars in heaven.

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Kind Shepherd! tend us with thy pastoral love
Across the mountains to our heavenly rest!
Father! we see thee beckoning from above;—
We come! we come! to bless thee, and be blest!

ON THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

Oh, Father Saint! throughout the faithful land
Sweet hymns arose to thee, in days of yore,
To thee and to thy sons; that generous band
Who left the sunny South to bless our stormy shore.

From every tower, and spire, and abbey fair,
Bells rang sweet melody, thy day to greet;
Bright shone the altars, bright too, gathered there,
Shone priests, like angels round the mercy-seat.

And the vast minster to the chorus rang,
While hearts and voices joined in sweet accord,
And "Holy Father Benedict!" they sang,
"Pray for thy prostrate children to thy Lord."

All silent now!—save when the wind of night
Makes mournful music through the ruined pile;
No brightness there!—but Heaven's own blessed light
Lingering in love o'er mouldering arch and aisle!

Still in this land of ruins, glows divine
The spirit kindled here in happier days;
Still, Father, there are *English* hearts all thine,
And *English* lips that fain would sing thy praise.

But sad our music! Like the captive band
That wept beside the Assyrian wave, we sigh!
How can we sing in the oppressor's land
The songs of Sion's vanished days of joy?

Yet, mighty Father! hear the earnest prayer
Rising from many hearts to thee to-day!
Oh! watch around us with a shepherd's care;
Nor let one heedless loiterer turn astray!

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Lo, even as now, 'mid darkling shades of night,
We choose the thorn-set path which thou hast trod;
Be ours, when shades depart, the path of light,
Winged by thy spirit in its flight to God!

(M. I. P.)

RAISE UP, O LORD, IN THY CHURCH, THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH OUR HOLY FATHER WAS ANIMATED, ETC.

It hath slumbered in secret, unhonoured, unknown,
Deep hid in the hearts of the loyal and true;
Yet speak but the word, Lord! and call on thine own,
And our Father's pure spirit shall sparkle anew!

O spirit of Heaven! thy dawning was bright,
And thy noon-tide of glory! how dazzling its blaze!
When the far-distant islands rejoiced in thy light,
And millions converted were hymning thy praise.

As a strong gushing fountain, whose deep wells send forth
The rivers, wide-rushing, in strength and in pride,
So, Father, thy spirit hath flowed o'er the earth,
And nations have drunk of the far-rolling tide.

But the day of thy triumph, they say, is gone by,
And the scorners repeat it, with smiles on their lips,
"The fount of the rivers is wasted and dry,
The day-star of nations hath suffered eclipse."

Yet the Lord can enkindle that fair star once more,
It shall flash with the splendours that gladdened its youth;
And the long silent fountain, awakening, shall pour,
Once again, its bright torrents of science and truth.

Then pray on, pray ever! as girded ye stand,
Your eyes fixed on Heaven, awaiting the hour,
When the Lord shall look down on the white harvest land,
And wake in the reapers His spirit of power.

(M. I. P.)

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FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

MARCH XXI.

Double of the First Class with an Octave.

In the First Vespers (said March 20), all as in the Second Vespers, p. 119, except

℣. Amávit eum Dóminus et ornávit eum.

℟. Stolam glóriæ índuit eum.

Ant. ad Magnificat. Exúltet ómnium turba fidélium, pro glóriâ almi Patris Benedícti; læténtur præcípuè catérvæ monachórum, celebrántes ejus festa in terris, de cujus societáte sancti congaúdent in cœlis.

℣. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

℟. With the robe of glory He clothed him.

Ant. at Magnificat. Let the crowd of all the faithful exult at the glory of our benign Father Benedict; especially let the troops of monks be glad, now celebrating his feast on earth, for whose society the saints rejoice in heaven.

At Mass.

INTROITUS. Gaudeámus omnes in Dómino, diem festum celebrántes sub honóre sancti Benedícti abbátis, de cujus solemnitáte gaudent ángeli, et collaúdant Fílium Dei.

Ps. xlvii. Magnus Dóminus, et laudábilis nimis; in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus. ℣. Glória.

INTROIT. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of the holy abbot Benedict, for whose solemnity the angels rejoice, and give praise to the Son of God.

Ps. xlvii. Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised; in the city of our God, in his holy mountain. ℣. Glory, &c.

ORATIO. Omnípotens sempitérne Deus qui (hodiérnâ

COLLECT. O almighty and eternal God, who (on this day)

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die) carnis edúctum ergástulo sanctíssimum confessórem tuum Benedíctum sublevásti ad cœlum: concéde quæsumus, hæc festa tuis fámulis celebrántibus, cunctórum véniam delictórum; ut qui exultántibus ánimis ejus claritáte congaúdent, ipso apud te interveniénte, consociéntur et méritis. Per, &c.

didst raise up to heaven thy blessed confessor Benedict, delivered from the prison of the flesh; grant, we beseech thee, to thy servants celebrating this festival, pardon of all their sins; that they who, with exulting minds, rejoice together in his glory, may by his intercession with thee, be also associated to his merits. Through, &c.

LECTIO LIBRI SAPIENTIÆ. *Eccl.* l. 1.

Ecce Confessor magnus, qui in vitâ suâ suffúlsit domum, et in diébus suis corroborávit templum. Templi étiam altitúdo ab ipso fundáta est, duplex ædificátio, et excélsi paríetes templi. In diébus ipsíus emanavérunt pútei aquárum; et quasi mare adimpléti sunt supra modum. Qui curávit gentem suam, et liberávit eam a perditióne. Qui præváluit amplificáre civitátem; qui adéptus est glóriam in conversatióne gentis; et ingréssum domûs et átrii amplificávit. Quasi stella matutína in médio nébulæ, et quasi luna plena in diébus suis lucet, et quasi sol refúlgens, sic ille effúlsit in templo Dei. Quasi arcus refúlgens inter nébulas glóriæ, et quasi flos rosárum in diébus vernis, et quasi lília quæ sunt in tránsitu áquæ, et

LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM. *Ecclus.* l. 1.

Behold a great Confessor, who in his life propped up the house, and in his days fortified the temple. By him also the height of the temple was founded, the double building, and the high walls of the temple. In his days the wells of water flowed out, and they were filled as the sea above measure. He took care of his nation, and delivered it from destruction. He prevailed to enlarge the city, and obtained glory in his conversation with the people; and enlarged the entrance of the house and the court. He shone in his days as the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and as the moon at the full. And as the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God. And as the rainbow giving light in the bright clouds, and as the flower of roses in the days of the spring, and as the lilies that are on the brink of

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quasi thus rédolens in diébus æstátis. Quasi ignis effúlgens, et thus ardens in igne. Quasi vas auri sólidum, ornátum omni lápide pretióso. Quasi olíva púllulans, et quasi cypréssus in altitúdinem se extóllens. Et circa illum coróna fratrum; quasi plantátio cedri in Monte Líbano, sic circa illum stetérunt quasi rami palmæ, et omnes fílii Aaron in glóriâ suâ.

the water, and as the sweet-smelling frankincense in the time of summer. As a bright fire, and frankincense burning in the fire. As a massy vessel of gold, adorned with every precious stone. As an olive-tree budding forth, and a cypress-tree rearing itself on high. And about him was the ring of his brethren; and as the cedar planted in Mount Libanus, and as branches of palm-trees, they stood round about him, and all the sons of Aaron in their glory.

GRADUALE. Dómine prævenísti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis: posuísti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretióso. ℣. Vitam pétiit a te, et tribuísti ei longitúdinem diérum in sæculum sæculi.

Allelúia, allelúia.

℣. Vir Dei Benedíctus ómnium justórum spíritu plenus fuit: ipse intercédat pro cunctis monásticæ professiónis.

GRADUAL. O Lord, thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness; thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. ℣. He asked life of thee, and thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia.

℣. The man of God Benedict was full of the spirit of all the just: may he intercede for all of the monastic profession.

In Lent, instead of the Alleluia *and* Verse, *the following is said:—*

TRACTUS. Beátus vir qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis.

℣. Potens in terrâ erit semen ejus: generátio rectórum benedicétur.

℣. Glória et divítiæ in domo ejus: et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

TRACT. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he delighteth exceedingly in his commandments.

℣. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

℣. Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

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In Paschal time, the Gradual *is omitted, and the following said:—*

Allelúia, allelúia. ℣. Justus ut palma florébit; sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicábitur. Allelúia.

℣. Justus germinábit sicut lílium; et florébit in ætérnum ante Dóminum.

Alleluia, alleluia. ℣. The just shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus. Alleluia.

℣. The just shall bud forth like the lily; and shall flourish for ever before the Lord.

SEQUENTIA.

Læta quies magni ducis,
Dona ferens novæ lucis,
Hódiè recólitur.

SEQUENCE.

Welcome the glad returning morn!
In hues of golden glory born!
Which saw, divinely blest,

[*On the Commemoration, July* 11.]

Læta dies magni ducis,
Dona ferens novæ lucis,
Hódiè recólitur.

Let heart and voice, in hymns of praise,
Recall the glorious day of days
Which saw, divinely blest,

Caris datur piæ menti,
Corde sonet in ardénti,
Quidquid foris prómitur.

Our chieftain in the sacred fight,
Mounting the pearly stairs of light,
To his eternal rest.

Hunc per callem oriéntis
Admirémur ascendéntis
Patriárchæ spéciem.

See the glad vision's bright array
Ascending on its orient way;
See there the Patriarch shine!

Amplum semen magnæ prolis
Illum fecit instar solis
Abrahæ persímilem.

A second Abraham on high,
Amidst his glorious progeny,
Seated in bliss divine!

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Corvum cernis ministrántem,
Hinc Elíam latitántem
Specu nosce párvulo.

Elisæus dignoscátur,

Cùm secúris revocátur
De torréntis álveo.

Illum Joseph candor morum,
Illum Jacob futurórum
Mens effécit cónscia.

Ipse memor suæ gentis,
Nos perdúcat in manéntis
Semper Christi gaúdia.
Amen. Allelúia.

Blest Hermit! in his rocky cell,
As to Elias erst befell,
By the wild raven fed!

Whose voice the sunken axe obeyed,
Rising, as when Eliseus prayed,
Up from the torrent's bed!

With hoary Jacob's eagle eye

Piercing the far futurity;
With Joseph heavenly pure;

May he to us, his sons below,
The path of joys immortal show,
And guide us there secure!
Amen. Alleluia.

SEQUÉNTIA SANCTI EVANGÉLII SECÚNDÙM MATTHÆUM. xix. 27.

In illo témpore, Dixit Petrus ad Jesum: Ecce nos relíquimus ómnia, et secúti sumus te: quid ergo erit nobis? Jesus autem dixit illis: Amen dico vobis, quod vos, qui secúti estis me, in regeneratióne cùm séderit Fílius hóminis in sede majestátis suæ, sedébitis et vos super sedes duódecim, judicántes duódecim tribus Israel. Et omnis qui relíquerit dómum, vel fratres, aut soróres, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxórem, aut fílios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, céntuplum accípiet, et vitam ætérnam possidébit.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. xix. 27.

At that time, Peter said to Jesus: Behold we have left all things, and have followed thee: what therefore shall we have? And Jesus said to them: Amen I say to you, that you who have followed me, when in the regeneration the Son of man shall sit on the seat of his majesty, you also shall sit upon twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall possess life everlasting.

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OFFERTORIUM. Desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei Dómine, et voluntáte labiórum ejus non fraudásti eum ; posuísti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretióso.

OFFERTORY. Thou hast given him his heart's desire, O Lord, and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips ; thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

SECRETA. Oblátis, Dómine, ob honórem Beáti Confessóris tui Benedícti placáre munéribus ; et ipsíus intervéntu, fámulis tuis tríbue indulgéntiam peccatórum. Per, &c.

SECRET. Be appeased, O Lord, by the gifts offered in honour of thy blessed Confessor Benedict ; and through his intercession grant to thy servants the forgiveness of their sins. Through, &c.

COMMUNIO. Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constítuit Dóminus super famíliam suam ; ut det illis in témpore trítici mensúram.

COMMUNION. A faithful and wise steward, whom the Lord has set over his family ; to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

POSTCOMMUNIO. Percéptis, Dómine Deus noster, salutáribus sacraméntis, humíliter deprecámur : ut intercedénte Beáto Benedícto Confessóre tuo, quæ pro illíus veneránda gérimus solemnitáte, nobis proficiant ad salútem. Per, &c.

POSTCOMMUNION. Having received the saving sacraments, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord our God : that by the intercession of blessed Benedict thy Confessor, what we have done on his venerable solemnity, may avail us to salvation. Through, &c.

Second Vespers

Pater Noster, &c. Ave María, &c.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

℟. Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

℣. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord make haste to help me.

Glory, &c.

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Ant. Fuit vir, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cix.

Dixit Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 13.

Ant. Fuit vir vitæ venerábilis, grátiâ Benedíctus et nómine ; qui ab ipso puerítiæ suæ témpore, cor gerens senîle, ætátem móribus tránsiens, nulli ánimum voluptáti dedit.

Ant. There was a man, *as below.*

Ps. cix.

The Lord said, &c., *p.* 13.

Ant. There was a man of venerable life, Benedict (Blessed) both by grace and by name ; who, even from his days of boyhood, bore within him the heart of age, and in his ways transcending his years, yielded not his mind to any sensual pleasure.

Ant. Beátus vir Benedíctus, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cx.

Confitébor tibi Dómine in toto corde meo : * in concílio justórum et congregatióne.

Magna ópera Dómini : * exquisíta in omnes voluntátes ejus.

Conféssio et magnificéntia opus ejus : * et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Memóriam fecit mirabílium suórum, misérieors et miserátor Dóminus : * escam dedit timéntibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testaménti sui : * virtútem óperum suórum annuntiábit pópulo suo.

Ut det illis hæreditátem Géntium : * ópera mánuum ejus, véritas et judícium.

Ant. The blessed man Benedict, *as below.*

Ps. cx.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : * in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord : * sought out according to all his wills.

His work is praise and magnificence : * and his justice continueth for ever and ever.

He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord : * he hath given food to them that fear him.

He will be mindful for ever of his covenant : * he will show forth to his people the power of his works.

That he may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles : * the works of his hands are truth and judgment.

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Fidélia ómnia mandáta ejus, confirmáta in sæculum sæculi : * facta in veritáte et æquitáte.

Redemptiónem misit pópulo suo : * mandávit in ætérnum testaméntum suum.

Sanctum et terríbile nomen ejus : * inítium sapiéntiæ timor Dómini.

Intelléctus bonus ómnibus faciéntibus eum : * laudátio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Beátus vir Benedíctus plus appétiit mala mundi pérpeti quam laudes ; pro Deo labóribus fatigári, quam vitæ hujus favóribus extólli.

All his commandments are faithful, confirmed for ever and ever : * made in truth and equity.

He hath sent redemption to his people : * he hath commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and terrible is his name : * the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

A good understanding to all that do it : * his praise continueth for ever and ever.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The blessed man Benedict desired rather to endure the evils of the world, than its praises ; to be worn out with labours for God's sake, than to be exalted by the favours of this life.

Ant. Gloriósus Conféssor, &c., *ut infrà.*

Ant. The glorious Confessor, &c., *as below.*

Ps. cxi.

Beátus vir qui timet Dóminum : * in mandátis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terrâ erit semen ejus : * generátio rectórum benedicétur.

Glória et divítiæ in domo ejus : * et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exórtum est in ténebris lumen rectis : * miséricors, et miserátor et justus.

Jucúndus homo qui mi-

Ps. cxi.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord : * he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth : * the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house : * and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness : * he is merciful, and compassionate, and just.

Acceptable is the man that

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serétur et cómmodat, dispónet sermónes suos in judício : * quia in ætérnum non commovébitur.

In memóriâ ætérnâ erit justus : * ab auditióne malâ non timébit.

Parátum cor ejus speráre in Dómino, confirmátum est cor ejus : * non commovébitur donec despíciat inimícos suos.

Dispérsit, dedit paupéribus, justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi : * cornu ejus exaltábitur in glóriâ.

Peccátor vidébit et irascétur, déntibus suis fremet et tabéscet : * desidérium peccatórum períbit.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Gloriósus Conféssor Dómini vitam angélicam gerens in terris, spéculum bonórum óperum factus est mundo ; et ídeo cum Christo jam sine fine gaudet in cœlis.

showeth mercy and lendeth ; he shall order his words with judgment : * because he shall not be moved for ever.

The just shall be in everlasting remembrance : * he shall not fear the evil hearing.

His heart is ready to hope in the Lord, his heart is strengthened : * he shall not be moved, until he look over his enemies.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor, his justice remaineth for ever and ever : * his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see and shall be angry ; he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away : * the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The glorious Confessor of the Lord, Benedict, leading on earth an angelic life, became to the world a mirror of good works, and therefore rejoiceth for ever in heaven.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedíctus, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxii.

Laudáte púeri Dóminum : * laudáte nomen Dómini.

Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum : * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occásum : * laudábile nomen Dómini.

Ant. The man of God Benedict, *as below.*

Ps. cxii.

Praise the Lord, ye children : * praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord : * from henceforth, now, and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same : * the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

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Excélsus super omnes gentes Dóminus:* et super cœlos glória ejus.

Quis sicut Dóminus Deus noster, qui in altis hábitat: * et humília réspicit in cœlo et in terrâ.

Súscitans a terrâ ínopem:* et de stércore érigens paúperem.

Ut cóllocet eum cum princípibus:* cum princípibus pópuli sui.

Qui habitáre facit stérilem in domo:* matrem filiórum lætántem.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedíctus ómnium justórum spíritu plenus fuit; ipse intercédat pro cunctis monásticæ professiónis.

The Lord is high above all nations:* and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high:* and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth.

Raising up the needy from the earth:* and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill.

That he may place him with princes:* with the princes of his people.

Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house:* the joyful mother of children.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The man of God, Benedict, was full of the spirit of all the just; may he intercede for all of the monastic profession.

CAPITULUM.

Ecce Conféssor magnus; qui quasi stella matutína in médio nébulæ, et quasi luna plena in diébus suis lucet: et quasi sol refúlgens, sic ille effúlsit in templo Dei. ℟. Deo grátias.

℟. (*Hic genuflléctitur.*) Sancte Pater Benedícte,* intercéde pro nobis. ℟. Sancte, &c. ℣. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi. * Intercéde pro nobis. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. ℟. Sancte, &c.

LITTLE CHAPTER.

Behold a great Confessor; who in his days shone like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and like the moon at the full: and as the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God. ℟. Thanks be to God.

℟. (*Here kneel down.*) O holy Father Benedict,* intercede for us. ℟. O holy, &c. ℣. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. * Intercede for us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ℟. O holy, &c.

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HYMNUS.	HYMN.
Laúdibus cives résonent canóris Templa solémnes modulántur hymnos ;	Through the long nave, and full-resounding aisles, Let pealing anthems rise ;
Hâc die summi Benedíctus arcem Scandit Olympi.	This day, that saw immortal Benedict Ascend the skies !

Instead of the last two lines, the following are said, except on this Feast and during the Octave :—

Aúreâ summi Benedíctus arce Gaudet Olympi.	Thither where sits immortal Benedict Throned on the skies.
Ille floréntes peragébat annos, Cum puer dulcis pátriæ penátes Liquit, et solus látuit siléntí Cónditus antro.	A flowery path, affection, home, were his ; But vainly earth allured ; Deep in a lonesome cave his tender bloom The saint immured.
Inter urtícas, rigidósque sentes, Vicit altrícem scélerum juvéntam ; Inde conscrípsit documénta vitæ Pulchra beátæ.	There, amid prickly thorns, he curbed the rage Of sin-incentive youth ; There drew his sacred rule from the pure font Of life and truth.
Æream turpis clárii figúram, Et nemus stravit véneri dicátum ; Atque Baptístæ pósuit sacráto Monte sacéllum.	There still, upon the height, the Baptist's shrine, Memorial of his love, Tells how he smote the Pagan god, and strewed The Paphian grove.
Jamque felíci résidens Olympo, Inter ardéntes Séraphim catérvas	Now from the heavenly dome, seated serene Amid seraphic choirs,

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Spectat, et dulci réficit cliéntum
Corda liquóre.

He sees us all, and with celestial draughts
Each heart inspires.

Glória Patri, genitæque Proli,
Et tibi compar, utriúsque semper
Spíritus alme, Deus unus, omni
Témpore sæcli. Amen.

Glory eternal to the Father be,
And sole-begotten Son;
With Thee, great Paraclete, eternal Three!
And trinal One! Amen.

℣. Justum dedúxit Dóminus per vias rectas.
℟. Et osténdit illi regnum Dei.

℣. Through right ways hath the Lord led the just man.
℟. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. Hódiè sanctus Benedíctus, *ut infrà.*

Ant. This day did holy Benedict, *as below.*

CANT. Magníficat, &c., *fol.* 15.

CANT. My soul doth magnify, &c., *p.* 15.

Ant. Hódiè sanctus Benedíctus per viam Oriéntis, recto trámite, vidéntibus discípulis cœlum ascéndit; hódiè, eréctis mánibus, inter verba oratiónis expirávit; hódiè, in glóriâ ab ángelis suscéptus est.

Ant. This day did holy Benedict, in the sight of his disciples, ascend by the East straightway to heaven; this day, with uplifted hands, did he expire amidst words of prayer; this day was he received by angels into glory.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Pater Noster, &c.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.

Our Father, &c.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Omnípotens, &c., *fol.* 114.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.
℣. Benedicámus Dómino.
℟. Deo grátias.

Almighty, &c., *p.* 114.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Fidélium animæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace. ℟. Amen.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ℟. Amen.

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SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

JULY XI.

Double of the First Class with an Octave.

All as on March 21, *p.* 114, *except*

ORATIO.

Excita, quæsumus Dómine, in Ecclésiâ tuâ spíritum cui beátus Pater noster Benedíctus abbas servívit; ut eódem nos repléti, studeámus amáre quod amávit, et ópere exercére quod dócuit. Per, &c.

PRAYER.

Raise up, O Lord, in thy Church the spirit wherewith our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, was animated; that, filled with the same, we may study to love what he loved, and to practise what he taught. Through, &c.

In Second Vespers.

ANT. AD MAGNIFICAT. O cœléstis norma vitæ, doctor et dux Benedícte, cujus cum Christo spíritus exúltat in cœléstibus; gregem, pastor alme, serva, sanctâ prece corróbora, viâ cœlos clarescénte fac te duce penetráre.

ANT. AT THE MAGNIFICAT. O model of a heavenly life, Saint Benedict, our teacher and our guide! whose spirit rejoiceth with Christ in the heavenly courts; O loving shepherd! preserve thy flock, strengthen it with thy holy prayers, and by thy guidance conduct it along the bright path to heaven.

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VOTIVE MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

INTROITUS. Vir Dei Benedíctus mundi glóriam despéxit et relíquit; quóniam Dei Spíritus erat in eo.

Ps. xlvii. Secúndùm nomen tuum, ita et laus tua in fines terræ: justítia plena est déxtera tua. ℣. Glória, &c.

INTROIT. The man of God, Benedict, despised and abandoned the glory of this world, for the spirit of God was in him.

Ps. xlvii. According to thy name, so also is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of justice. ℣. Glory, &c.

ORATIO. Excita, Dómine, in Ecclésiâ tuâ spíritum, cui beátus Pater noster Benedíctus abbas servívit: ut eódem nos repléti, studeámus amáre quod amávit; et ópere exercére quod dócuit. Per, &c.

COLLECT. Raise up, O Lord, in thy Church the spirit wherewith our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, was animated; that, filled with the same, we may study to love what he loved, and to practise what he taught. Through, &c.

LECTIO LIBRI SAPIENTIÆ. *Eccl.* xlvii.

Dedit Dóminus confessiónem Sancto suo, et Excélso in verbo glóriæ. De omni corde suo laudávit Dóminum, et diléxit Deum, qui fecit illum: et dedit illi contra inimícos poténtiam, et stare fecit cantóres contra altáre, et in sono eórum dulces fecit modos. Et dedit in celebratiónibus decus, et orná-

LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM. *Eccl.* xlvii.

The Lord gave praise to his holy one, and to the most high with words of glory. With his whole heart he praised the Lord, and loved God that made him: and he gave him power against his enemies: and he set singers before the altar, and by their voices he made sweet melody. And to the festivals he added beauty, and set in order the

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vit témpora usque ad consummatiónem vitæ ; ut laudárent nomen sanctum Dómini, et amplificárent manè Dei sanctitátem. Christus purgávit peccáta ipsíus ; et exaltávit in ætérnum cornu ejus. (c. xxiv.) Sapiéntia laudábit ánimam suam, et in domo honorábitur, et in médio pópuli sui gloriábitur ; et in ecclésiis altíssimi apériet os suum, et in conspéctu virtútis illíus gloriábitur. In médio pópuli sui exaltábitur, et in plenitúdine sanctâ admirábitur : et in multitúdine electórum habébit laudem, et inter benedíctos benedicétur.

solemn times even to the end of his life ; that they should praise the holy name of the Lord, and magnify the holiness of God in the morning. The Lord took away his sins, and exalted his horn for ever. (c. xxiv.) Wisdom shall praise her own self, and shall be honoured in her house, and shall glorify herself in the midst of her people : and shall open her mouth in the churches of the Most High, and shall glorify herself in the sight of his power. And in the midst of her own people she shall be exalted, and shall be admired in the holy assembly : and in the multitude of the elect she shall have praise, and among the blessed she shall be blessed.

Gradual, Alleluia, and Tract as on the Feast, p. 116. *In Paschal time as follows :—*

Allelúia, allelúia. ℣. Justus ut palma florébit : sicut cedrus quæ in Líbano est, multiplicábitur. Allelúia. ℣. Justus germinábit sicut lílium : et florébit in ætérnum ante Dóminum. Allelúia.

Alleluia, alleluia. ℣. The just shall flourish like the palm-tree ; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus. Alleluia. ℣. The just shall bud forth like the lily : and shall flourish for ever before the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel as on the Feast, p. 118.

OFFERTORIUM. In virtúte tuâ, Dómine, lætábitur justus, et super salutáre tuum exultábit veheménter : desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei.

OFFERTORY. In thy strength, O Lord, the just shall be glad, and in thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly : thou hast given him his heart's desire.

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SECRETA. Sacris altáribus, Dómine, hóstias superpósitas, Sanctus Pater noster Benedíctus abbas, quæsumus in salútem nobis provenire depóscat. Per, &c.

SECRET. May our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, intercede for us, O Lord, that the offerings we have laid on Thy altars may avail us unto salvation. Through, &c.

COMMUNIO. Amen, dico vobis, quod vos, qui reliquístis ómnia, et secúti estis me, céntuplum accipiétis, et vitam ætérnam possidébitis.

COMMUNION. Amen, I say to you, that you who have left all things and have followed me, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall possess life everlasting.

POSTCOMMUNIO. Prótegat nos, Dómine, cum tui perceptióne sacraménti beátus Pater noster Benedíctus abbas pro nobis intercedéndo; ut et conversatiónis ejus experiámur insígnia, et intercessiónis percipiámus suffrágia. Per, &c.

POSTCOMMUNION. May the receiving of this sacrament, and the intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, protect us, O Lord; that we may both copy the virtues of his life, and experience the help of his intercession. Through, &c.

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Little Office of Saint Scholastica,

VIRGIN AND ABBESS.

At Matins.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

℟. Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Allelúia.

℣. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima till Easter, instead of Alleluia, *is said:—*

Laus tibi Dómine, Rex ætérnæ glóriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, the King of eternal glory.

The above is said at the beginning of every Hour except Compline.

HYMNUS.

Casta Virgo, Sponsa Christi,
Quem in terris quæsivísti,
Toto corde dilexísti,
Avéto Scholástica!

HYMN.

Thou Virgin, Spouse of Christ, all hail!
While dwelling in this earthly vale
Thy love of Him did never fail,
Bright burning to the last.

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Nos inténtos tuæ laudi,
Te rogántes nos exaúdi,
Infernális hostis fraudi
Nos cliéntes súbtrahe.

While songs of joy we raise to thee,
We pray thee, too, our souls to free
From toils which Satan's perfidy
Has wily round them cast.

Ant. O quam pulchra est.
Cant. Benedíctus, &c., *fol.* 2.

Ant. How beautiful.
Cant. Blessed, &c., *p.* 2.

Ant. O quam pulchra est casta generátio cum claritáte; immortális est enim memória illíus, quóniam apud Deum nota est, et apud hómines.

Ant. O how beautiful is the chaste generation with glory; for the memory thereof is immortal, because it is known both with God and men.

℣. Spécie tuâ et pulchritúdine tuâ.
℟. Inténde, prósperè procéde, et regna.

℣. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
℟. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Orémus.

Famíliam tuam, quæsumus Dómine, beátæ Vírginis tuæ Scholásticæ méritis propítiùs réspice; ut sicut per ipsíus preces imbrem cœlitùs descéndere fecísti: ita ejus supplicatiónibus ariditátem cordis nostri, cœléstis grátiæ dignéris rore perfúndere. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

Mercifully look down upon Thy family, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the merits of Thy blessed virgin Saint Scholastica; and, as by her prayers Thou didst cause the rain to descend from heaven, deign, through her supplications, to moisten the dryness of our hearts with the dew of heavenly grace. Through, &c.

On the Feast, and during the Octave, say the Prayer, Deus, qui, *p.* 143.

At Lauds.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

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HYMNUS.	HYMN.
Domum patris reliquísti,	Purest of doves! with glad-some eyes,
Res mundánas despexísti,	For Christ's dear sake thou didst despise
Christum Sponsum quæsivísti, Colúmba castíssima!	All joys, and home with all its ties As nought thou didst esteem.
Unitátem adoráre,	O! teach us then our souls to raise
Trinitátem invocáre,	To God on high, in hymns of praise,
Nobis Deo laudem dare,	That we with Him through endless days,
Obtine Scholástica.	May live in bliss supreme.

Ant. En diléctus meus.
Ps. cl. Laudáte, &c., *fol.* 4.
Ant. En diléctus meus lóquitur mihi; surge, própera, amíca mea, colúmba mea, et veni.
℣. Exaudívit Dóminus vocem fletûs mei.
℟. Et oratiónem meam suscépit.

Ant. Behold, my Beloved.
Ps. cl. Praise ye, &c., *p.* 4.
Ant. Behold, my Beloved speaketh to me; arise, make haste my love, my dove, and come.
℣. The Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
℟. And He hath received my prayer.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Prime.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*
℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.	HYMN.
Tui fratris castitátem,	Thy brother's spotless chastity,
Quamque vovit paupertátem,	His love of holy poverty,
Ejus omnem sanctitátem Æmuláris íntegrè.	The life he led so holily, Thou strivest to surpass.

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Frater ut sol, tuque lunæ
Instar fulges opportúnè,

Transeámus ut impúnè
Mundi per caliginem.

In him the glorious sun we see,
The shining moon's mild beams in thee,
By whose refulgent brilliancy
We this world's darkness pass.

Ant. Ego flos campi.

Ps. i. Beátus vir, &c., *fol.* 6.

Ant. Ego flos campi, et lílium convállium; sicut lílium inter spinas, sic amíca mea inter fílias.

℣. Adjuvábit eam Deus vultu suo.
℟. Deus in médio ejus non commovébitur.

Ant. I am the flower of the field.

Ps. i. Blessed is, &c., *p.* 6.

Ant. I am the flower of the field, and the lily of the valleys; as the lily among thorns, so is my beloved among the daughters.

℣. God shall help her with His countenance.
℟. He is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Tierce.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Benedíctum visitáre,
Te quotánnis recreáre,
Et solébas satiáre
Illíus collóquiis.

Cui Deus præsidébat,

HYMN.

Guided by love, each year thy feet
Sought thy dear brother's blest retreat,
There to enjoy, in converse sweet,
The words of life and light.

Blest intercourse! For God was there

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Sermonésque dirigébat,
Igne corda succendébat,
O felix consórtium.

Your tongues to guide, your words to hear,
And your devoted hearts to cheer
With goodness infinite.

Ant. Aquæ multæ.
Ps. cxix. Ad Dóminum, &c., *fol.* 8.
Ant. Aquæ multæ non potuérunt extínguere charitátem, nec flúmina óbruent illam.
℣. Elégit eam Deus, et prælégit eam.
℟. In tabernáculo suo habitáre facit eam.

Ant. Many waters,
Ps. cxix. In my trouble, &c., *p.* 8.
Ant. Many waters could not quench charity, nor shall the rivers overwhelm it.
℣. God hath selected her, and chosen her before others.
℟. He causeth her to dwell in His tabernacle.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Sext.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

De ætérnâ vitâ fari,
Deque eâ meditári,
Plus quam mensæ satiári
Plácuit delíciis.

Unde fratrem supplex oras,
Ut per omnes noctis horas,
Colloquéndo pergat moras,
Deo gratas néctere.

HYMN.

Thy loving heart took more delight,
To speak and meditate aright
Of future life, than in the sight
And taste of worldly joy.

And hence most earnest didst thou pray
Thy brother, with thee kind to stay,
And the long night till dawn of day,
With pious words employ.

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Ant. Sponsábo te.

Ps. cxxii. Ad. te, &c., *fol.* 10.

Ant. Sponsábo te mihi in sempitérnum, et sponsábo te mihi in justítiâ, et judício, et misericórdiâ, et in miseratiónibus; et sponsábo te mihi in fide, et scies quia ego Dóminus.

℣. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis.

℟. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum.

Ant. I will espouse thee.

Ps. cxxii. To thee, &c., *p.* 10.

Ant. I will espouse thee to me for ever, and I will espouse thee to me in justice, and judgment, and in mercy, and in commiserations; and I will espouse thee to me in faith, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord.

℣. Grace is poured abroad upon thy lips.

℟. Therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

Prayer as at Matins.

At None.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Ille preces cum despéxit,
Hæcque inclinans se, eréxit
Cor in cœlum; hanc respéxit,
Deus votis ánnuens.

Aër erat jam serénus,
Fit ad nutum imbre plenus,
Tempestátis omne genus
Toto cœlo pérsonat.

HYMN.

When of thy wish he took no heed,
With head inclined, thou didst proceed
To pray to Christ, in this thy need;
And help didst soon obtain.

Till then the sky had been serene;
When, suddenly, dark clouds were seen,
'Mid thunder's roll, and lightning's sheen,
Torrents to pour of rain.

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Ant. Unam pétii.

Ps. cxxv. In converténdo, &c., *fol.* 12.

Ant. Unam pétii a Dómino, hanc requíram; ut inhábitem in domo Dómini ómnibus diébus vitæ meæ, ut vídeam voluptátem Dómini, et vísitem templum ejus.

℣. Adducéntur regi vírgines post eam.

℟. Próximæ ejus afferéntur tibi.

Ant. One thing have I asked.

Ps. cxxv. When the Lord, &c., *p.* 12.

Ant. One thing have I asked from the Lord, this I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may see the beauty of the Lord, and may visit His temple.

℣. After her shall virgins be led to the king.

℟. Her neighbours shall be brought to thee.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Vespers.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ant. Sub umbrâ illíus.

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 13.

Ant. Sub umbrâ illíus quem desideráveram sedi, et fructus ejus dulcis gústuri meo.

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ant. Under his shadow.

Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c., *p.* 13.

Ant. Under his shadow, whom I desired, I sat down, and his fruit was sweet to my palate.

CAPITULUM. *Eccl.* xlvi.

Invocávit Dóminum Omnipoténtem; et intónuit de cœlo Dóminus: et in sónitu magno audítam fecit vocem suam.

℟. Deo grátias.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Eccl.* xlvi.

She called upon the Lord Almighty; and the Lord thundered from heaven; and with a great noise caused His voice to be heard.

℟. Thanks be to God.

HYMNUS.

Vi divínâ præpedítus,

Frater mansit, sed invítus,

HYMN.

Thus, forced by heaven, the brother stayed,

And granted all for which she prayed;

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Et soróris appetítus
Colloquéndi pastus est.

And, by his holy words, allayed
Her thirst for converse blest.

Orto mane valedíxit,
Verba fratris corde fixit,
Abiítque, supervíxit,
Sed non ultra tríduum.

To him, at dawn, she bade farewell,
Deep in her heart his lessons dwell;
In three short days, death's parting knell
Called her away to rest.

℣. Dilexísti justítiam et odísti iniquitátem.
℟. Proptérea unxit te Deus tuus óleo lætítiæ.

℣. Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity.
℟. Therefore hath thy God anointed thee with the oil of gladness.

Ant. Orátio humiliántis se.

Ant. The prayer of him that humbleth himself.

CANT. Magníficat, &c., *fol.* 15.

CANT. My soul, &c., *p.* 15.

Ant. Orátio humiliántis se nubes penetrábit: et non discédet donec Altíssimus aspíciat.

Ant. The prayer of him that humbleth himself shall penetrate the clouds; and he shall not depart until the Most High behold.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Compline.

℣. Jube, Domne, benedícere.
℟. Noctem quiétam et finem perféctum concédat nobis Dóminus Omnípotens. ℟. Amen.

℣. Pray, Father, give us your blessing.
℟. May the Almighty Lord grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end. ℟. Amen.

Séquitur ex Régulâ Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti.—Cap. vii.

From the Rule of our most holy Father Saint Benedict.—Ch. vii.

Clamat nobis Divína Scriptúra, fratres, dicens;

The Holy Scripture crieth to us, brethren, saying; "Every

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"Omnis qui se exáltat, humiliábitur, et qui se humíliat, exaltábitur." Cùm hæc ergo dicit, osténdit nobis omnem exaltatiónem genus esse supérbiæ, quod se cavére prophéta índicat, dicens; "Dómine, non est exaltátum cor meum, neque eláti sunt óculi mei: neque ambulávi in magnis, neque in mirabílibus super me." Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

℟. Deo grátias.

℣. Convérte nos Deus salutáris noster.

℟. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà*.

Ps. cxxxiii. Ecce nunc, &c., *fol.* 17.

one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." In saying this, it declareth to us, that all exaltation is a kind of pride, which the prophet showeth he avoided, saying; "Lord, my heart is not exalted, nor are my eyes lifted up; neither have I walked in great things, nor in wonders above myself." And do Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Convert us, O God of our salvation.

℟. And turn away thy anger from us.

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ps. cxxxiii. Behold now, &c., *p.* 17.

HYMNUS.

Mens illíus ut colúmba
Cœlum scandit tota munda,
In parátâ fratri tumbâ
Corpus ejus cónditur.

Sede fulgens jam supérnâ,
Sorte gaude sempitérnâ,
Pietáte sed matérnâ
Fove nos Scholástica.

HYMN.

Her holy soul, like some pure dove,
Has winged its way to Heaven above;
Her body chaste, is placed with love
Within her brother's grave.

Blest Saint, consumed with love divine!
Whilst heaven's bright rays around thee shine,
And joys eternal now are thine;
Our souls from danger save.

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CAPITULUM.

Surge, própera, amíca mea, colúmba mea, formósa mea, et veni. Jam enim hyems tránsiit, imber ábiit et recéssit; flores apparuérunt in terrâ nostrâ. Surge, amíca mea, speciósa mea, et veni.

℟. Deo grátias.

℣. Quis dabit mihi pennas sicut colúmbæ?

℟. Et volábo et requiéscam.

LITTLE CHAPTER.

Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come. For winter is now past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers have appeared in our land. Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Who will give me wings as a dove?

℟. And I will fly and be at rest.

Prayer as at Matins.

℣. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

℣. Benedicámus Dómino.

℟. Deo grátias.

Intercéssio beátæ Vírginis Scholásticæ, et sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti prótegat nos; et præsídium Beátæ Maríæ Vírginis præsérvet nos; et benedíctio Dei Omnipoténtis, ✠ Patris, et Fílii, et Spíritûs Sancti descéndat super nos, et máneat semper. ℟. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come to thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

May the intercession of the holy virgin Saint Scholastica, and of our holy Father Saint Benedict, defend us; and the protection of the blessed Virgin Mary preserve us; and may the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. ℟. Amen.

Istas supplex óffero,

Tibi, virgo, preces;

While suppliant thus to thee we bring,

Virgin most pure, this offering,

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Tuis sanctis méritis	And, full of hope, devoutly pray
Peccatórum fæces,	That, through thy great deserts, we may
Ut benígnè díluas,	From sin's corrupting shame be free,
Tibi supplicámus ;	Hear us, while loud we cry to thee ;
Et in cœlo páriter	And let it be thy loving care
Tandem gaudeámus.	That in thy glory we may share.
Amen.	Amen.

LITANY IN HONOUR OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN AND ABBESS.*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	*Christ have mercy on us.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
Christe exaúdi nos.	*Christ graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*	God the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spíritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trínitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancta Scholástica.	Saint Scholastica.
S. S., Sancti Benedícti soror gemélla.	S. S., twin sister of Saint Benedict.
S. S., ab ætérno a Deo eléeta.	S. S., chosen by God from eternity.

* From "Fasciculus Quinque Litaniárum," 1687.

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S. S., Christi Dómini grátiâ prævénta.
S. S., prevented by the grace of Christ our Lord.

S. S., ab infántiâ Deo consecráta.
S. S., consecrated to God from thy infancy.

S. S., Virgo semper integérrima.
S. S., always a Virgin most incorrupt.

S. S., Christo Jesu desponsáta.
S. S., espoused to Jesus Christ.

S. S., Spíritûs Sancti discípula.
S. S., scholar of the Holy Ghost.

S. S., innocéntiæ spéculum.
S. S., mirror of innocence.

S. S., perfectiónis norma.
S. S., model of perfection.

S. S., virtútum exémplar.
S. S., pattern of virtues.

S. S., monásticæ vitæ decus.
S. S., glory of the monastic life.

S. S., innumerabílium vírginum mater.
S. S., mother of numberless virgins.

S. S., angélicæ vitæ imitátrix.
S. S., imitator of the angelic life.

S. S., fide in Deum plena.
S. S., full of faith in God.

S. S., spe cœléstium bonórum repléta.
S. S., replenished with hope of the goods of heaven.

S. S. charitáte Sponsi semper ardens.
S. S., ever burning with love of the Spouse.

S. S., humilitáte præfúlgens.
S. S., resplendent with humility.

S. S., in Dómino confídens ut fília.
S. S., trusting, as a daughter, in the Lord.

S. S., oratióni frequénter insístens.
S. S., intent on prayer.

S. S., a Dómino súbitò exaudíta.
S. S., quickly heard by the Lord.

S. S., perseveántiæ laude insígnis.
S. S., famed for the praise of perseverance.

S. S., in colúmbæ spécie cœli secréta pénetrans.
S. S., who didst enter the courts of heaven in the shape of a dove.

S. S., Agnum sequens quocúmque íerit.
S. S., who dost now follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

S. S. Sponsi delíciis in ætérnum pérfruens.
S. S., who dost rejoice in the delights of the Spouse for ever.

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S. S. corónâ glóriæ decoráta.
S. S., adorned with a crown of glory.

S. S., invocántium te apud Deum advocáta.
S. S., advocate with God of those who invoke thee.

S. S., imitántium te favorábilis patróna.
S. S., generous patron of those who imitate thee.

Sanctíssima Virgo Scholástica.
S. S., most holy Virgin.

Peccatóres, *te rogámus audi nos.*
We sinners, (*We*) *beseech thee, hear us.*

Ut sanctíssimis et efficacíssimis apud Deum oratiónibus tuis nos adjuváre dignéris.
That thou deign to help us, by thy most holy and efficacious prayers to God.

Ut Ordinem nostrum et Monastérium istud, et omnes habitántes in eo, protectióne tuâ ovére et conserváre dignéris.
That thou deign to cherish and preserve, by thy protection, our holy Order and this Monastery, and all who dwell therein.

Ut nos in filiárum tuárum númerum admíttere dignéris.
That thou deign to admit us into the number of thy children.

Ut nostram in te devotiónem excitáre, promovére, et conserváre dignéris.
That thou deign to raise up, increase, and preserve our devotion towards thee.

Ut régulæ sanctíssimi fratris tui, et Patris nostri Benedícti, perféctam observántiam apud nos conserváre dignéris.
That thou deign to preserve in us the perfect observance of the rule of thy brother, our most holy Father Saint Benedict.

Ut supplicatiónibus tuis ariditátem cordis nostri cœléstis grátiæ rore perfúndere dignéris.
That thou deign, by thy supplications, to moisten the dryness of our hearts with the dew of heavenly grace.

Ut nos tuo intervéntu, Christo animárum nostrárum Sponso, in ætérnum sócies.
That, by thy intercession, thou mayest eternally unite us to Christ, the Spouse of our souls.

Ut nos ad gaúdia ætérna, et ad Sponsum Jesum dulcíssimum perdúcas.
That thou mayest lead us to eternal joys, and to Jesus, our most sweet Spouse.

Ut nos exaudíre dignéris.
That thou vouchsafe to hear us.

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis, Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos, Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*
℣. Ora pro nobis, sancta Virgo Scholástica.
℟. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*
℣. Pray for us, O holy Virgin Scholastica.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Deus, qui ánimam beátæ Vírginis tuæ Scholásticæ, ad ostendéndam innocéntiæ suæ viam, in colúmbæ spécie cœlum penetráre fecísti; da nobis ejus méritis et précibus ita innocénter vívere: ut ad ætérna mereámur gaúdia pervenire. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, who, to show the innocence of her life, didst cause the soul of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica to ascend into heaven in the form of a dove; grant, by her merits and prayers, that we may live so innocently, as to deserve to arrive at eternal joys. Through, &c.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

Ant. Cùm Sanctus Benedíctus in cellâ consísteret, elevátis in áera óculis, vidit soróris suæ ánimam de ejus córpore egréssam, in colúmbæ spécie cœli secréta penetráre; qui tantæ ejus glóriæ congaúdens, Omnipoténti Deo in hymnis et laúdibus grátias réddidit, ejúsque óbitum frátribus denuntiávit.

Ant. Whilst Saint Benedict was standing in his cell, with his eyes raised towards the sky, he saw the soul of his sister, separated from her body, entering into the courts of heaven, in the form of a dove: rejoicing at the greatness of her glory, he gave thanks to Almighty God in hymns and canticles, and made her departure known to his brethren.

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℣. Quæ est ista, quæ ut nubes volat?
℟. Et quasi colúmba ad fenéstras suas?

℣. Who is she that flieth like a cloud?
℟. And is as a dove at the openings of the dovecot?

Orémus.

Deus, qui, &c., *ut suprà*.

Let us pray.

O God, &c., *as above*.

HYMNS IN HONOUR OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN AND ABBESS.

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS, ETC.

I.

HYMN FOR FIRST VESPERS OF A PECULIAR OFFICE FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA.*

Terris lux rédiit festa:
Scholásticæ
Nunc templis résonat nomen in ómnibus;
Tranquíllis súperûm cœtibus áddita
Præsens núminę páscitur.

On this, her feast, Scholastica's sweet name
Resounds through every clime;
While she with saints in God's bright presence rests,
In peace sublime.

Abdit se tácitis Virgo recéssibus,
Quo cœléstis agit dux amor hóspitam;
Nescíri cúpidum, quâ licet, éxprimit
Fratrem jam soror æmula.

'Mid cloistered silence, whither Heaven invites,
In solitude she lives;
Her brother's humble ways to imitate
With ardour strives.

* From "Breviarium Monasticum," Parisiis, P. de Bats, A.D. 1736.

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Hic dum sidéreæ prǽmia Cúriæ
Sublími réputat mentis in ótio,
Romæ delícias príncipis úrbium,
Pompam, gaúdia réspuit.

And while in holy contemplation rapt,
She lifts to Heaven her eyes,
She, Rome's alluring pleasure, pomp, and pride
Learns to despise.

Humáno métuens fœdere décipi,
Sacris se próperat júngere vínculis
Christo, virgínei quam bene próvida
Laudem péctoris ástruit.

Dreading the entanglements of worldly love,
Christ for her spouse she chose,
And all the affections of her virgin heart
On Him bestows.

Sponsi perpétuis languet amóribus,
Longi non pátitur tædia témporis;
Sordet terra, diu se gemit éxulem,
Voto sídera tránsvolat.

Her bosom ever throbs for His dear love,
And scorns all long delays;
An exile here on earth for heaven's repose
She earnest prays.

Quid non cogis, amor? Stípite pénduli
Dum Christi mádidum sánguine cónspicit
Corpus, certa pati, cónterit ásperis
Insons membra labóribus.

What will not Love attempt?
When on the Cross
Christ bathed in blood she sees,
She shares His pains, and to her guiltless limbs
Denies all ease.

Patri, máxima sit glória, máximo;
Nato laus éadem Patris imágini:
Sit par Spirítui, cujus adúritur
Flammis Virgo Scholástica. Amen.

Let endless praise be to the Father paid,
And to the Son the same;
And to Their Spirit, of whose love, our Saint
Feels the bright flame.
Amen.
(J. K.)

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II.

HYMN AT MATINS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

Prodi, te látebris, Virgo diútius
Sponso pacta fides détinet ábditam :
Ad majóra vocans múnera súfficit
Vires numen idóneas.

Too long thy plighted word has kept thee hid ;
Come, leave thy cell at length ;
He, who to higher duties calls thee now,
Will give thee strength.

Vox cœléstis adest, ílicet ánnuis ;
Agnoscítque domus te pia præsidem :
Discunt sacra tuis ágmina Vírginum,
Mores fíngere móribus.

Thou hast His call obeyed ; thy sisterhood
Are happy 'neath thy sway ;
And Virtue's precepts mildly taught by thee,
Learn to obey.

Dulces unánimi grex tener ámbitu
Cœlo primítias péctoris ímmolat ;
Illæsásque rapi tot sibi víctimas
Frendens tártarus íngemit.

The first fond feelings of their guileless souls,
They on Love's altar lay ;
Hell groans, that such pure victims, from its grasp,
Are torn away.

Quantis hic piétas floret honóribus !
Matérnis dóciles nútibus óbsequi,
Quo fert illa gradum prævia, géstiunt
Cursu téndere próximo.

With duteous haste, their Mother's slightest wish
Nobly they strive to meet ;
And eager follow, where she leads the way,
With willing feet.

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Nato laus éadem Patris imágini :
Sit par Spirítui, cujus adúritur
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III.

HYMN AT LAUDS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

Quæ sibi Christus vóluit dicári
Sánguinis blando sociáta nexu,
Non jubet solvi, melióre jungit
Péctora vinclo.

Christ doth not wish to break the ties of blood,
When hallowed by His love:—
But with a holier bond He ever doth
Those ties improve.

Síngulis ibat Benedíctus annis
Obviam frater semel ad sorórem;
Par soror fratri, bene fida pignus
Reddit amóris.

Thus Benedict was wont, each passing year,
His Sister once to meet;
Whilst she, her brother, with like fondness fired,
Made haste to greet.

Quam tenet dulcis mora colloquéntes!
Ore concórdes animóque versant
Lúcidum cœli decus, et beátæ
Gaúdia vitæ.

How quick in converse sweet the moments fly!
One both in heart and mind,—
In speaking of the joys of future life
They pleasure find.

Ecce jam terris cita nox ruébat;
Ad suos frater próperat revérti:
Mœsta discéssu rétines eúntem,
Virgo, nec audit.

Night comes apace: her Brother to his home
Hastes to return again:
She, sorely grieved, asks him with her to stay;
But all in vain.

Invocas numen, gemis, ora fletu
Irrigas; cœlum tegit atra nubes:
Hórridos inter súbito fragóres
Décidit imber.

With sighs and tears to Heaven she then appeals;
When dark clouds, gathering, lower;
And, 'mid the crash of thunder, lightning's glare,
Wild torrents pour.

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Quis tuam sensus, Benedícte, mentem
Occupat? mirâ soror arte vincit:
Te Dei terret manifésta cœlo
Facta volúntas.

What, Benedict, must be thy thoughts to see
God thus her wish obey?
His Will made manifest, compels thee now
With her to stay.

Débitas omni tibi mundus ævo,
Trínitas reddat veneránda laudes,
Cujus imménsum soror æqua fratri
Numen adórat.
Amen.

Blest Trinity! whose ever hallowed name
Our Saints with awe adore,
May Thy loud praise, through every age and clime,
Grow more and more.
Amen.
(J. K.)

IV.

HYMN FOR SECOND VESPERS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

Integræ merces sua castitáti
Pénditur; virtus túmulo supérstes:
Hanc colit quisquis plácita beándus
Morte quiéscit.

The purely chaste outlive this world; for death,
Which most things else destroys,
Spares modest virtue, and on it bestows
Heaven's brightest joys.

Córporis tandem láqueo solútus,
Liber ad sedes ánimus supérnas
Evolat: longo datur ecce meta,
Virgo, labóri.

The soul, freed from the trammels of the flesh,
Flies to the realms of peace:
And so, pure Virgin! in this weary world
Thy labours cease.

Dum vacat cœlo Benedíctus imis
Altior terris, símilem colúmbæ

For whilst, with thoughts and eyes upraised to Heaven,
Thy brother scans the sky,

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Vírginem cernit, rápidis secántem
Aëra pennis.

He sees thy dove-like soul, on rapid wing,
Ascend on high.

Arcet indígnos animósa fletus
Cháritas: hymnis célebrat triúmphum,
Et jubet condi móriens eódem
Ossa sepúlchro.

His lively love forbids his tears to flow;
Joy fills his happy breast;
He wills his bones, at death, in the same grave,
With thine may rest.

Jam tuo Sponsus cápiti corónam
Cingit; ætérnos ágitas amóres,
Sponsa. Sis nostri memor, et tuórum
Excipe vota.

Thy Spouse, in honour of thy plighted troth,
With glory crowns thy brows,—
Regard us kindly, and, with pitying heart,
Receive our vows.

Débitas omni tibi mundus ævo,
Trínitas reddat veneránda laudes,
Cujus imménsum soror, æqua fratri,
Numen adórat.
Amen.

Blest Trinity! whose ever hallowed name
Our Saints with awe adore,
May thy loud praise, through every age and clime,
Grow more and more.
Amen.

(J. K.)

V.

HYMN AT MATINS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA.

In "Officia Propria Congregationis Gallicæ, O. S. B."

Hymnis angélicis ora resólvimus,
Dum terréna fluunt nocte siléntia:

Whilst earthly sounds are hushed in silent night,
Come we to mingle with angelic choirs;

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Cœléstes módulos virgo Scholástica
Puris méntibus ímperat.

With hearts of love to chant those strains divine
Which, from on high, Scholastica inspires.

Gentis Nursíadum stémmate nóbilis,
Agni virgíneo fœdere clárior,
Sponsi perpétuis fragrat odóribus,
Cordis vúlnere púlchrior.

Of Nursia's noble stock, yet nobler far
In nuptial garments of the Lamb arrayed,
She sheds abroad the fragrance of her Spouse,
More comely through the wounds that love has made.

Fervens innócuis páscitur ígnibus,
Et majóra petit pábula chárítas;
Ut frater súperum gaúdia déserat,
Virgo fórtior ímpetrat.

With Charity's bright flames her spirit glows,
Whilst she fresh fuel seeks to feed her love:
A victor in a holy strife, she hears
A brother's lips recount of joys above.

O noctis plácidæ dúlcia témpora!
Quæ cœli dápibus pectus inébriant,
Dum pandit cúpidis sermo vicárius
Jesu numen amábile.

O! sweet the moments of that tranquil night
When heaven's feasts inebriate the breast;
Whilst mutual colloquies to each unfold
How sweet it is in Jesu's love to rest.

Cordis vera quies, ínclyta Trínitas,
Quæ vultûs sátias lúmine cœlites;
Sit Te dulce loqui, dúlcius ássequi,
Et per sæcula pérfrui.
Amen.

True peace of heart, thrice holy Trinity!
Which satiates those souls that rest in Thee,
Sweet 'tis of Thee to speak, but sweeter far
To follow, and enjoy eternally. Amen.
(J. W. B.)

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VI.

FROM THE SAME.—THE HYMN AT LAUDS.

Jam noctis umbræ cónci-dunt,
Dies cupíta náscitur,
Quâ vírgini Scholásticæ
Sponsus perénnis júngitur.

The shades of night are fleeting fast,
The longed-for day it dawns apace,
On which Scholastica was joined
Unto her Spouse's chaste embrace.

Brumæ recédit tædium;
Fugántur imbres núbibus:
Vernántque campi síderum
Æternitátis flóribus.

The dreary winter now is passed,
And scattered are the dismal showers;
The meadows of the stars shoot forth,
And blossom with unfading flowers.

Amóris auctor évocat:
Dilécta pennas índuit;
Ardens ad oris óscula
Colúmba velox évolat.

Lo! Jesus calleth from on high!
Swift as a dove in eager flight,
She soars, on wings of ardent love,
To mansions of supernal light.

Quam pulchra gressum prómoves,
O chara proles Príncipis!
Nursínus Abbas áspicit,
Grates repéndit Númini.

How beautiful thy heavenward path,
Fair offspring of a saintly Sire!
Nursia's great Abbot sees thy flight,
And feels within a kindred fire.

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Ampléxa Sponsi déxteram,
Metit corónas débitas,
Immérsa rivis glóriæ,
Deíque pota gaúdiis.

Clasped in the bosom of her Spouse,
A well-earned crown her temples grace;
Immersed in streams of joy supreme,
She reigns with God for endless days.

Te, Christe, flos convállium,
Patrémque, cum Paráclito,
Cunctos per orbis cárdines,
Adóret omne sæculum.
Amen.

Sweet Jesus, floweret of the vale!
Father and Paraclete, to Thee
Be ceaseless praise from all the earth,
In time, and through eternity. Amen.

(J. W. B.)

VII.

FROM "HYMNI LATINI MEDII ÆVI."*

Christe, redémptor ómnium,
Exaúdi preces súpplicum,
Quos redemísti sánguine,
Nullo déseras témpore.

Christ, Thou redeemer of mankind!
O! hear our prayer and grant us aid;
Nor ever let our souls be lost,
Whose price thy blood has paid.

Laudes, quas tibi cánimus,
Súscipe gratis, rex pius,
Nos Scholásticæ júgibus
Tu fove sanctis précibus.

Kindly receive the songs of praise,
Which joyously we sing to Thee;
And let Scholastica's good prayers
Our succour ever be.

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Quæ, dante tuâ grátiâ,
Te colens fecit ómnia,
Dudum tu ejus lácrymis
Imbrem dedísti ex súperis.

Aided by thy all-powerful grace,
Her prayers have never been in vain;
Erst to her tears and earnest sighs,
Thou gavest timely rain.

Scholástica, virgo Dei,
Decus sacrárum vírginum,
Sprevit cuncta sæculi,
Sequéndo Christum Dóminum.

Scholastica, God's virgin pure,
The pride of sweet virginity,
To follow Christ her Lord, forsook
All earthly vanity.

Conémur totis víribus,
Jungámus preces précibus,
Ut Scholásticæ méritis
Cœli fruámur gaúdiis.

Let us contend with all our might,
And let us join in ceaseless prayer,
That, through her merits' powerful aid,
Heaven's bliss we, too, may share.

Laus, honor, virtus, glória,
Regnum perpes, victória
Sit Patri et Fílio, Flámini
Semper contínuo. Amen.

Eternal honour, virtue, praise!
Be to the Father and the Son;
And to the holy Paraclete,
Thrice blessed Three in One. Amen.

(J. K.)

VIII.

FROM THE SAME.*

Hymíza cum tripúdio
Et cantu, grex monástice,
Fervénti colens stúdio
Solémnia Scholásticæ.

All ye that in the cloister dwell,
Exult and sing a joyful lay;
Praise ye the blest Scholastica,
On this her happy festal day.

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Hæc spernit ab infántiâ
Cum suo flore sæculum,
Sequéndo cum constántiâ
Maríam vitæ spéculum.

The world, and all its false delights,
Even in infancy, she spurned;
To copy Mary's spotless life,
Her soul with constant ardour burned.

Germána fratri símilis,
Mundi dirúptis cásibus,
Ad Christum Sponsum nóbilis
Mentis currébat pássibus.

The worthy sister of a saint,
She broke from every earthly tie;
Her noble heart sought Christ alone,
With Him to live, for Him to die.

Hinc sanctimoniálium
Exémplar esse méruit,
Bonórum æternálium
Quibus iter apéruit.

Thus she deserved to be the guide
Of holy nuns, and ope the way
To heaven, with all its treasured wealth,
And joys which never fleet away.

Regnáret ut hiláriter,
Servílis motus fómitis
Subjíciens viríliter,
His imperávit dómitis.

Yet, guiding others, well she knew
How weak is nature; and she strove
To subjugate the unruly flesh,
That thus she might more purely love.

Hæc nunquam cum errántibus
Mundi cucúrrit dévia,
Ut Christo famulántibus
Lux esset et dux prævia.

Never, by vain desires o'ercome,
Did she through earthly by-paths stray;
Beside Christ's handmaids firm she stood,
To light and lead them on their way.

Frater audíre rénuit
Hujus precem sollícitam,

Once, when her brother had refused
To listen to her earnest prayer,

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Soror invítum ténuit	*Her* will prevailed; for, at her word,
Per tempestátem súbitam.	A sudden tempest filled the air.
Ut nos deféndat míseram,	O thou! whose prayers thus pierced the sky,
Ad aures Dei clámita;	Our mother, sister, advocate!
Tu cœlum prece réserans	Exert thy power in our behalf,
Dux, mater, soror, ámita.	And open wide the heavenly gate.
Dignáre nos hoc nómine	O! make us worthy to be called
Gaudére fratris fíliis; *	The children of thy brother blest;
Confírma nomen ómine,	And cause his holy name to be
Juvántibus auxíliis.	An omen of eternal rest.
Sit Deo Patri glória,	Praise to the Father, Lord of all!
Sit Nato, sit Paráclito,	To Son and Spirit equally;
Dum fámulæ victória	While thus we sing, in fitting strain,
Cultu laudátur débito. Amen.	Their handmaid's happy victory. Amen.

(P. A. O'N.)

In the works of Venerable Bede (vol. vii. p. 342, edit. Coloniæ Agrippinæ, MDCXII.), we find a beautiful discourse on Saint Scholastica, as a commentary on the account of her death, recorded by Saint Gregory the Great, in his second book of Dialogues. There is also a Poem, in which every alternate line ends with the same three words that begin the preceding one, and which has been wrongly attributed to Paul the Deacon. Venerable Bede tells us that it was the work of a certain poet, who had travelled from Germany to the monastery of Jarrow, to the threshold (*ad limina*) of Blessed Father Benedict, and composed the poem in honour of his most blessed sister Scholastica.

See "Tabula Votiva appensa tholo S. Scholasticæ, &c. a P. Joanne Rubeo (aliàs Reade, or Selby) Congr. Angl. O.S.B.—Romæ, MDCLIX." Also, "St. Scholastica's Office of Devotion, &c. Presented to the Very Reverend English Benedictine Dames of Our Blessed Lady of Consolation in Cambray, by Eupoimen, A.D. 1718." This community is now at Stanbrook, near Worcester, having removed thither from Abbot's Salford, near Evesham, in the year 1838.

* fratris fíliis; the *lacuna* supplied.

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FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN AND ABBESS.

FEBRUARY X.

Double of the second Class with an Octave.

In the First Vespers (said Feb. 9) all as in the Second Vespers, p. 161.*

At Mass.

INTROITUS. Surge, própera, amíca mea, colúmba mea, et veni : jam enim hiems tránsiit, imber ábiit et recéssit. Ps. liv. Quis dabit mihi pennas sicut colúmbæ ? et volábo et requiéscam. ℣. Glória, &c.

INTROIT. Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, and come : for winter is now past, the rain is over and gone. Ps. liv. Who will give me wings like a dove ? and I will fly and be at rest. ℣. Glory, &c.

ORATIO. Deus, qui ánimam Beátæ Vírginis tuæ Scholásticæ, ad ostendéndam innocéntiæ suæ viam, in colúmbæ spécie cœlum penetráre fecísti ; da nobis ejus méritis et précibus, ita innocénter vívere : ut ad ætérna mereámur gaúdia pervenire. Per, &c.

COLLECT. O God, who, to show the innocence of her life, didst cause the soul of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica to ascend into heaven in the form of a dove ; grant, by her merits and prayers, that we may live so innocently as to deserve to arrive at eternal joys. Through, &c.

LECTIO LIBRI SAPIENTIÆ. *Cant.* viii.

LESSON FROM THE CANTICLE OF CANTICLES. viii.

Quis mihi det te fratrem meum súgentem úbera ma-

Who shall give thee to me for my brother, sucking the

* See also page 166.

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tris meæ, ut invéniam te foris, et deósculer te, et jam me nemo despíciat? Apreheńdam te, et ducam in domum matris meæ. Ibi me docébis: et dabo tibi póculum ex vino condíto; et mustum malórum granatórum meórum. Læva ejus sub cápite meo, et déxtera illíus amplexábitur me. Adjúro vos fíliæ Jerúsalem, ne suscitétis, neque evigiláre faciátis diléctam, donec ipsa velit.

breasts of my mother, that I may find thee without, and kiss thee, and now no man may despise me? I will take hold of thee, and bring thee into my mother's house. There thou shalt teach me, and I will give thee a cup of spiced wine and new wine of my pomegranates. His left hand under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you stir not up, nor awake my love till she please.

GRADUALE. Aquæ multæ non potuérunt extínguere charitátem, nec flúmina óbruent illam. ℣. Si déderit homo omnem substántiam domûs suæ pro dilectióne; quasi nihil despíciet eam. Allelúia, allelúia. ℣. Diléctus meus mihi et ego illi, qui páscitur inter lília, donec aspíret dies, et inclinéntur umbræ.

GRADUAL. Many waters cannot quench charity, neither can the floods drown it. ℣. If a man should give all the substance of his house for love, he shall despise it as nothing. Alleluia, alleluia. ℣. My beloved to me, and I to him, who feedeth among the lilies, till the day break, and the shadows retire.

After Septuagesima Alleluia *is omitted, and the following is said:—*

TRACTUS. Invéni quem díligit ánima mea, ténui eum, nec dimíttam. ℣. Oleum effúsum nomen tuum; ídeo adolescéntulæ dilexérunt te. ℣. Trahe me post te, currémus in odórem unguentórum tuórum. ℣. Exultábimus et lætábimur in te, mémores úberum tuórum super vinum: recti díligunt te.

TRACT. I found him whom my soul loveth, I held him, and will not let him go. ℣. Thy name is as oil poured out; therefore young maidens have loved thee. ℣. Draw me, we will run after thee in the odour of thy ointments. ℣. We will be glad and rejoice in thee, remembering thy breasts more than wine: the righteous love thee

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SEQUENTIA.

Emicat merídies,
Et beáta réquies,
Vírgini Scholásticæ.

Intrat in cubícula,
Sponsi petit óscula,
Quem amávit únicè.

Quantis cum gemítibus,
Cordis et ardóribus,
Hæc Diléctum quæsiit!

Movit cœlos lácrymis,
Imbribúsque plúrimis
Pectus fratris mólliit.

O grata collóquia!
Cum cœlórum gaúdia
Benedíctus éxplicat.

Ardent desidéria;
Mentis et suspíria
Virgo sponsus éxcitat.

Veni formosíssima,
Sponsa dilectíssima,
Veni coronáberis!

SEQUENCE.

See, the day has dawned at last,
Which, her earthly labours past,
Called Scholastica to rest.

He, the object of her love,
Takes her to his home above,
There to reign for ever blest.

O! how great was her desire,
How her heart did burn with fire,
When she strove her Spouse to find.

As she weeps the heavens bend,
Heavy floods of rain descend
To subdue her brother's mind.

How she treasured every word,
When his favoured tongue she heard,
Dwelling on the joys above.

Then she heaved still deeper sighs,
Then she turned her longing eyes,
Towards that happy home of love.

Come, thou soul of beauty, come!
Spouse most loving, welcome home!
Wear thy crown for evermore!

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Dórmies in líliis,
Afflues delíciis,

Et inebriáberis!

Purest lilies form thy bed,
'Mid their fragrance rest thy head,
Now the time of grief is o'er.

O colúmba vírginum,
Quæ de ripis flúminum,

Adis aulam glóriæ.

Virgin, lovely as a dove,
Leaving earth for realms above,—
Halls that with true glory shine.

Trahe nos odóribus,
Pasce et ubéribus
Immortális grátiæ.

Amen. Allelúia.

Draw us by thy fragrancy,
Nourish us maternally
At the fount of grace divine.

Amen. Alleluia.

SEQUENTIA SANCTI EVANGELII SECUNDUM MATTHÆUM. XXV. 1.

In illo tempore, Dixit Jesus discípulis suis parábolam hanc: Símile erit regnum cœlórum decem virgínibus: quæ accipiéntes lámpades suas, exiérunt óbviam sponso et sponsæ. Quinque autem ex eis erant fátuæ, et quinque prudéntes: sed quinque fátuæ, accéptis lampádibus, non sumpsérunt óleum secum: prudéntes vero accepérunt óleum in vasis suis cum lampádibus. Moram autem faciénte sponso, dormitavérunt omnes et dormiérunt. Médiâ autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce, sponsus venit: exíte óbviam ei. Tunc surrexé-

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. XXV. 1.

At that time, Jesus spoke to his disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven shall be like to ten virgins; who, taking their lamps, went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And five of them were foolish, and five wise. But the five foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made: Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise: Give us of

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runt omnes vírgines illæ, et ornavérunt lámpades suas. Fátuæ autem sapiéntibus dixérunt: Date nobis de óleo vestro: quia lámpades nostræ extinguúntur. Respondérunt prudéntes, dicéntes: Ne forte non sufficiat nobis et vobis, ite pótius ad vendéntes, et émite vobis. Dum autem irent émere, venit sponsus: et quæ parátæ erant, intravérunt cum eo ad núptias, et clausa est jánua. Novíssimè vero véniunt et réliquæ vírgines, dicéntes: Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens, ait: Amen dico vobis, néscio vos. Vigiláte ítaque, quia nescítis diem neque horam.

your oil, for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying: Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go you rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last came also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered, saying: Amen I say to you, I know you not. Watch ye, therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

OFFERTORIUM. Intónuit Dóminus de cœlo, et Altíssimus dedit vocem suam; grando et carbónes ignis; fúlgura multiplicávit et conturbávit eos, et apparuérunt fontes aquárum. Allelúia.

OFFERTORY. The Lord thundered from heaven, and the highest gave his voice: hail and coals of fire; he multiplied lightnings and troubled them, and the fountains of waters appeared. Alleluia.

SECRETA. Súscipe, quæsumus Dómine, desidéria supplicántium cum oblatiónibus hostiárum: ut interveniénte Beátâ Scholásticâ Vírgine tuâ, quæ te sincéro diléxit amóre, fides in nobis et cháritas augeátur. Per, &c.

SECRET. Receive, we beseech thee, O Lord, the desires of thy suppliants with the offerings of sacrifice: that, by the intercession of Blessed Scholastica, thy Virgin, who loved thee with a sincere love, faith and charity may be increased in us. Through, &c.

COMMUNIO. Si manséritis in me, et verba mea in vo-

COMMUNION. If you abide in me, and my words abide in

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bis mánserint, quodcúmque voluéritis petétis et fiet vobis, dicit Dóminus.

you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you, saith the Lord.

℣. Famíliam tuam, quæsumus Dómine, spiritáli cibo satiátam Beátæ Vírginis tuæ Scholásticæ méritis propítiùs réspice; ut, sicut ipsíus précibus, ad obtinéndum quod optábat, imbrem cœlitùs descéndere fecísti: ita ejus supplicatiónibus aridi-tátem cordis nostri supérnæ dignéris grátiæ rore perfúndere. Per, &c.

℣. Be-seech thee, O Lord, through the merits of thy holy Virgin Saint Scholastica, to look propitiously on thy family, whom thou hast fed with spiritual food; that, as, through her prayers, thou didst cause rain to descend from heaven, that she might obtain what she desired: so, by her supplications, thou wouldst deign to moisten the dryness of our hearts with the dew of thy holy grace. Through, &c.

Second Vespers.

Pater noster, &c. Ave María, &c.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

℟. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína. Glória, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

℣. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory, &c.

Ant. Hæc est virgo, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 13.

Ant. Hæc est virgo sápiens, et una de número prudéntum.

Ant. This is a wise, *as below.*

Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c., *p.* 13.

Ant. This is a wise virgin, and one of the number of the prudent.

Ant. Hæc est virgo, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxii. Laudáte púeri, &c., *fol.* 122.

Ant. This is a wise, *as below.*

Ps. cxii. Praise the Lord, &c., *p.* 122.

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Ant. Hæc est virgo sápiens, quam Dóminus vigilántem invénit.

Ant. This is a wise virgin, whom the Lord found watching.

Ant. Hæc est quæ, *ut infrà*.

Ant. This is she who, *as below*.

Ps. cxxi.

Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi :* in domum Dómini íbimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri :* in átriis tuis Jerúsalem.

Jerúsalem, quæ ædificátur ut cívitas :* cujus participátio ejus in idípsum.

Illuc enim ascendérunt tribus,—tribus Dómini :* testimónium Israel, ad confiténdum nómini Dómini.

Quia illic sedérunt sedes in judício : * sedes super domum David.

Rogáte quæ ad pacem sunt Jerúsalem :* et abundántia diligéntibus te.

Fiat pax in virtúte tuâ :* et abundántia in túrribus tuis.

Propter fratres meos et próximos meos :* loquébar pacem de te.

Propter domum Dómini Dei nostri :* quæsívi bona tibi.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Hæc est quæ nescívit torum in delícto ; habébit fructum in respectióne animárum sanctárum.

Ant. Ista est, *ut infrà*.

Ps. cxxi.

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me :* We shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing : * in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city :* which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up,—the tribes of the Lord : * the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because their seats have sat in judgment : * seats upon the house of David.

Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem :* and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength : * and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and my neighbours :* I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God :* I have sought good things for thee.

Glory, &c.

Ant. This is she who knew not the bed in sin ; she shall have fruit in the regard of holy souls.

Ant. This is, *as below*.

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Ps. cxxvi.

Nisi Dóminus ædificáverit domum,* in vanum laboravérunt qui ædíficant eam.

Nisi Dóminus custodíerit civitátem :* frustra vígilat qui custódit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem súrgere :* súrgite postquam sedéritis ; qui manducátis panem dolóris.

Cum déderit diléctis suis somnum :* ecce hæréditas Dómini fílii ; merces, fructus ventris.

Sicut sagíttæ in manu poténtis : * ita fílii excussórum.

Beátus vir qui implévit desidérium suum ex ipsis :* non confundétur cum loquétur inimícis suis in portâ.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Ista est speciósa inter fílias Jerúsalem.

Ps. cxxvi.

Except the Lord build the house : * they labour in vain that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city : * he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

It is vain for you to rise before light :* rise ye after you have sitten ; you that eat the bread of sorrow.

When he shall give sleep to his beloved : * behold, children are the inheritance of the Lord ; their reward, the fruit of the womb.

As arrows in the hand of the mighty : * so are the children of them that have been shaken.

Blessed is the man that hath filled his desire with them : * he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.

Glory, &c.

Ant. This is the fair one among the daughters of Jerusalem.

CAPITULUM. 2 *Cor.* x. 17.

Fratres, qui gloriátur, in Dómino gloriétur : Non enim qui seípsum commendat ille probátus est, sed quem Deus commendat.

℟. Deo grátias.

℟. B. Adjuvábit eam * Deus vultu suo. ℟. Adjuvábit, &c. ℣. Deus in médio ejus non commové-

LITTLE CHAPTER. 2 *Cor.* x. 17.

Brethren, let him that glorieth, glory in the Lord : For he is not approved who commendeth himself, but whom God commends.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℟. B. God shall assist her * with his countenance. ℟. God, &c. ℣. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be

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bitur. * Deus vultu suo. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. ℟. Adjuvábit, &c.

moved. * With his countenance. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ℟. God, &c.

HYMNUS.

Jesu coróna vírginum,
Quem mater illa cóncipit,
Quæ sola virgo párturit;
Hæc vota clemens áccipe.

Qui pascis inter lília,
Septus choréis vírginum,
Sponsus decórus glória,
Sponsísque reddens præmia.

Quocúmque pergis vírgines
Sequúntur, atque laúdibus
Post te canéntes cúrsitant,
Hymnósque dulces pérsonant.

Te deprecámur lárgius,
Nostris adaúge sénsibus,
Nescíre prorsus ómnia
Corruptiónis vúlnera.

Laus, honor, virtus, glória,
Deo Patri, et Fílio,

HYMN.

Regard our vows with gracious eye,
O Jesus, crown of purity;
Son of that chosen woman, who
Was virgin chaste and mother too.

The whitest lilies pave thy way,
And choirs of virgins round thee play,
O glorious bridegroom, who dost bless
Thy brides with endless happiness.

Which way soe'er thy course doth bend,
Chaste virgins on thy steps attend,
Who, running after Thee, do raise
Their notes to sing loud hymns of praise.

We beg most humbly that our sense
May feel thy heavenly influence,
And ne'er be wounded by those darts
Which poison and defile our hearts.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,

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Sancto simul Paráclito
In sæculórum sæcula.
Amen.

℣. Quæ est ista, quæ ut nubes volat?
℟. Et quasi colúmba ad fenéstras suas?
Ant. Dedit mihi, *ut infrà.*
CANT. Magníficat, &c., *fol.* 15.
Ant. Dedit mihi Dóminus pennas sicut colúmbæ, volábo et requiéscam.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus, qui, &c., *ut suprà, fol.* 156.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.
℣. Benedicámus Dómino.
℟. Deo grátias.
℣. Fidélium ánimæ, per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. Amen.

Be honour, glory, fame, and praise,
For an eternal length of days. Amen.

℣. Who is she that flieth like a cloud?
℟. And is as a dove at the openings of the dovecot?
Ant. The Lord has given, *as below.*
CANT. My soul doth magnify, &c., *p.* 15.
Ant. The Lord has given me wings like those of a dove, I will fly and be at rest.
Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.
Our Father, &c.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who, &c., *as above, p.* 156.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.
℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
℟. Amen.

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PROPER VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA.*

In the First Vespers (said Feb. 9), all as in the Second Vespers, except—

Ant. ad Magnificat. Exúltet ómnium turba fidélium pro glóriâ Vírginis almæ Scholásticæ; læténtur præcípuè catérvæ vírginum, celebrántes ejus solemnitátem, quæ fundens lácrymas Dóminum rogávit, et ab eo plus pótuit, quia plus amávit.

Ant. at the Magnificat. Let the crowd of all the faithful exult at the glory of the spotless Virgin Scholastica; especially, let the choirs of virgins be glad, celebrating the solemnity of her, who with tears besought the Lord, and availed more with Him, because she loved more

Second Vespers

Pater noster, &c. Ave María, &c.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

℟. Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

℣. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Egrédere, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 13.

Ant. Egrédere, modò, frater; egrédere si potes, et, me dimíssâ, ad monastérium recéde.

Ant. Depart, &c., *as below.*

Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c., *p.* 13.

Ant. Depart now, brother; depart, if thou canst; and leave me to return to thy monastery.

* See "Officia Propria Congregationis Gallicæ, O.S.B."

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Ant. Parcat tibi, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxii. Laudáte púeri, &c., *fol.* 122.

Ant. Parcat tibi, soror, Omnípotens Deus; Quid est quod fecísti?

Ant. Almighty God, *as below.*

Ps. cxii. Praise the Lord, &c., *p.* 122.

Ant. Almighty God, forgive thee, sister; What is it thou hast done?

Ant. Ecce te, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxxi. Lætátus sum, &c., *fol.* 162.

Ant. Ecce te rogávi, et audíre me noluísti; rogávi Dóminum meum, et exaudívit me.

Ant. Behold, *as below.*

Ps. cxxi. I rejoiced, &c., *p.* 162.

Ant. Behold, I asked thee, and thou wouldst not hear me; I asked my Lord, and He has heard me.

Ant. Cùm Sanctus, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxxvi. Nisi Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 163.

Ant. Cùm Sanctus Benedíctus, post tríduum, in cellâ consísteret elevátis óculis vidit soróris ánimam, de córpore egréssam, in colúmbæ spécie cœli secréta penetráre.

Ant. As Saint Benedict, *as below.*

Ps. cxxvi. Except the Lord, &c., *p.* 163.

Ant. As Saint Benedict, three days afterwards, was standing in his cell, lifting up his eyes, he saw the soul of his sister, that had departed from her body, entering into the courts of Heaven in the form of a dove.

CAPITULUM. *Cant.* ii. 13.

Surge, amíca mea, speciósa mea, et veni; colúmba mea in foramínibus petræ, in cavérnâ macériæ, osténde mihi fáciem tuam; sonet vox tua in aúribus meis: vox enim tua dulcis, et fácies tua decóra.

℟. Deo grátias.

℟. B. In colúmbæ spécie * Scholásticæ ánima visa est. ℟. In, &c. ℣. Fratérna mens lætáta est.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Cant.* ii. 13.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come; my dove in the clifts of the rock, in the hollow places of the wall, show me thy face, let thy voice sound in my ears: for thy voice is sweet, and thy face comely.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℟. B. In the form of a dove * was the soul of Scholastica seen. ℟. In, &c. ℣. The mind of her brother

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*Scholásticæ, &c. ℣. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. ℟. In, &c.

*Was, &c. ℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ℟. In, &c.

HYMNUS.

Te, beáta Sponsa Christi,
Te colúmba vírginum,
Síderum tollunt colóni
Laúdibus, Scholástica;
Nostra te lætis salútant
Vócibus præcórdia.

Sceptra mundi cum corónis
Docta quondam spérnere,
Dogma fratris insecúta
Atque sanctæ Régulæ,
Ex odóre gratiárum
Astra nósti quærere.

O potens virtus amóris!
O decus victóriæ!
Dum fluéntis lacrymárum
Cogis imbres cúrrere,
Ore Nursíni paréntis
Verba cœli súscipis.

HYMN.

Chaste Spouse of Christ, Scholastica,
Purer than the gentle dove,
Thy praises sweet on Angels' lips
Are uttered in the choirs above,
Whilst we on earth, with joyful hearts,
Salute thee with our hymns of love.

The crowns and sceptres of this world,
No charms have they for thee, or thine;
A saintly brother's saintly words
Around thy kindred heart entwine;
Their unction sweet withdrawing thee
From earthly joys to joys divine.

How great the potency of love!
How sweet the joys of victory!
When, with thy tears, thou drewest down
The showers of rain unceasingly;
And thus thy brother didst detain,
Engaged in sacred colloquy.

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Luce fulges expetítâ
In polórum vértice,
Clara flammis charitátis
Cum nitóre grátiæ:
Juncta Sponso conquiéscis
In decóre glóriæ.

High up in heaven's vaulted dome,
With radiant light, thou shinest now,
Love's kindling flames encircle thee,
And heavenly grace adorns thy brow;
Joined to the Lamb thou rest-est in
The glories of thy nuptial vow.

Nunc benígna pelle nubes
Córdibus fidélium,
Ut seréná fronte splendens
Sol perénnis lúminis,
Sempitérnæ claritátis
Impleat nos gaúdiis.

With loving care disperse the clouds,
That oft obscure our earthly gaze,
And may the Eternal Sun of light
In peace serene direct our ways,
And, to those joys that know no night,
Our hearts and aspirations raise.

Glóriam Patri canámus,
Unicóque Fílio:
Par tribútum proferámus
Inclyto Paráclito,
Nútibus cujus creántur
Et regúntur sæcula.
Amen.

Unto the Father, and the Son,
Be ceaseless jubilee and praise,
And to the Holy Paraclete,
An equal tribute let us raise;
By whose sole nod all things are made,
And governed unto endless days. Amen.

℣. Quæ est ista, quæ ut nubes volat?
℟. Et quasi colúmba ad fenéstras suas?
Ant. Hódiè, *ut infrà.*
CANT. Magníficat, &c., *fol.* 15.

℣. Who is she that flieth like a cloud?
℟. And is as a dove at the openings of the dovecot?
Ant. This day, *as below.*
CANT. My soul doth magnify, &c., *p.* 15.

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Ant. Hódiè sacra Virgo Scholástica in spécie colúmbæ ad æthera tota festíva perréxit; hódiè cœléstis vitæ gaúdiis cum fratre suo merétur pérfrui in sempitérnum.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus, qui ánimam beátæ Vírginis tuæ Scholásticæ, ad ostendéndam innocéntiæ suæ viam, in colúmbæ spécie cœlum penetráre fecísti; da nobis ejus méritis et précibus ita innocénter vívere; ut ad ætérna mereámur gaúdia pervenire. Per, &c.

Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.
℣. Benedicámus Dómino.
℟. Deo grátias.
℣. Fidélium ánimæ, per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace.
℟. Amen.

Ant. This day did the holy Virgin Scholastica ascend joyfully in the form of a dove to heaven; this day does she deservedly enjoy for ever, with her brother, the delights of the celestial life.

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who, to show the innocence of her life, didst cause the soul of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica to ascend into heaven in the form of a dove; grant, by her merits and prayers, that we may live so innocently as to deserve to arrive at eternal joys. Through, &c.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.
℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
℟. Amen.

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Little Office of all Saints

OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT

At Matins.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

℟. Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Allelúia.

℣. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima till Easter instead of Alleluia *is said,*

Laus tibi, Dómine, Rex ætérnæ glóriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, the King of eternal glory.

The above is said at the beginning of every Hour, except Compline.

HYMNUS.

Ad omnes Sanctos Ordinis Ss. P. N.

Avéte mundi lúmina,
Olim reclúsa cellis,
Sed nunc ut orbis númina
Fulgentióra stellis ;

HYMN.

To all Saints of the Order of our Holy Father.

Hail, holy Saints! whose brilliant light
Illumes this world from heaven on high ;
Though hid on earth, than stars more bright,
Your glory now adorns the sky.

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Papæ, Monárchæ, Príncipes,
Et Præsulum tiáræ ;
Quos pulla vestis nóbiles
Sacræ dicávit aræ ;

Et quos erémus íncolas
Claustrúmque misit astris,
Tuísque fixit ásseclas,
Benedícte dive, castris.

Avéte magni cœlites
Nobis Deum rogáte ;
Spectáte fratres súpplices
Nostrum statum juváte.

Ant. O quam gloriósum.
Cant. Benedíctus, &c., *fol.* 2.

Ant. O quam gloriósum est regnum, in quo cum Christo, gaudent omnes sancti ; amícti stolis albis sequúntur Agnum quocúmque íerit.

℣. Lætámini in Dómino et exultáte justi.

℟. Et gloriámini omnes recti corde.

Ye Saints, whose brows unstained by pride,
The diadem and mitre wore !
Called from your cells the Church to guide,
And, at His altars, God adore ;—

And you, ye cloistered holy train,
Meek followers of our Founder's ways !
Who, that ye heavenly bliss might gain,
'Mid silent deserts spent your days ;

Ye citizens of Heaven, all hail !
For us, your brethren, God implore,
That we may over hell prevail,
And reign with you for evermore.

Ant. O how glorious.
Cant. Blessed, &c., *p.* 2.

Ant. O how glorious is the kingdom, in which all the Saints rejoice with Christ ; clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

℣. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just.

℟. And glory, all ye right of heart.

Orémus.

Concéde, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus, ut ad meliórem vitam sanctórum mo-

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Almighty God, that the examples of Thy holy Monks

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nachórum exémpla nos próvocent: quátenùs quorum memóriam (*vel* solémnia) ágimus, étiam actus imitémur. Per, &c.

may animate us to a better life; so that we may imitate their actions, whose memory (*or* solemnity) we celebrate. Through, &c.

At Lauds.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Ad summos Pontifices Ord. Ss. P. N. B.

Avéte summi príncipes,
Ecclésiæ sanctæ matris,
Qui simul terræ júdices
Et mónachi erátis.

Terréna cuncta gaúdia
Felíciter fugístis,
Et sacra monastéria
Velóciter petístis

E cellâ sed amábili
Vos Deus evocávit,
In loco admirábili
Ecclésiæ locávit.

HYMN.

To the holy Popes of the Order of St. Benedict.

Hail, holy Pontiffs! called by Heaven
To rule our Mother Church below;—
To your meek hands the power was given,
On earth, meet justice to bestow.

With ardent mind and humble thought,
From worldly joys and fame ye fled;
Sweet solitude's abode ye sought,
And there a life of meekness led.

But summoned thence, at God's high Will,
The Church's helm secure to guide,
Your task with glory you fulfil,
And through all storms triumphant ride.

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Sed nunc in regno glóriæ
E sédibus spectáte,
Ut dona ferant pátriæ
Pro frátribus oráte.

Ant. Omnes isti.
Ps. cl. Laudáte, &c., *fol.* 4.
Ant. Omnes isti in generatiónibus gentis suæ glóriam adépti sunt, et in diébus suis habéntur in laúdibus.
℣. Fulgébunt justi, et tanquam scintíllæ in arundinéto discúrrent.
℟. Judicábunt natiónes, et dominabúntur pópulis.

From your bright thrones in heaven above,
To us, your brethren, pity show;
Pray that our hearts, consumed by love,
With gifts of grace may overflow.

Ant. All these.
Ps. cl. Praise ye, &c., *p.* 4.
Ant. All these have gained glory in their generations, and were praised in their days.
℣. The just shall shine, and shall run abroad like sparks among the reeds.
℟. They shall judge nations, and shall rule over peoples.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Prime.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Ad omnes Ordinum Patriarchas sub Regulâ S.P.N. militantium.

Avéte patres Ordinum
Sub régulâ locáti,
Inter trophæa síderum
Ad numen eleváti.

HYMN.

To all Patriarchs of Orders that fight under the Rule of our Holy Father.

Hail! Founders of those Orders bright,
Which our great Father's Rule adorn;
Shining like stars in realms of light,
You ushered in a glorious morn!

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Camaldulénsis glória,
Umbrósa, Clara vallis
Cistércii tentória
Tuúsque Petre callis;

Gualbérte cum cohórtibus
Silvéster et sequáces;
Guliélme cum tot fórtibus
Legis sacræ tenáces.

Avéte magni vértices
In glóriæ corónis,
Et fílios supérstites
Cœli beáte donis.

Yes, thou through every nation praised,
Whose followers throng Umbrosa's halls;
Ye, whose seraphic labours raised
Citeaux and Clairvaux's lofty walls;

Blest Peter, Gualbert, William too,
And Silvester, whose sons, in grove
And valley, ardently pursue
The paths of virtue, duty, love;—

Hail chiefs! your brows with glory crowned,
In wreaths of dazzling splendour shine;—
Look down on us to earth still bound,
And fill our souls with bliss divine.

Ant. Laudémus.
Ps. i. Beátus vir, &c., *fol.* 6.
Ant. Laudémus viros gloriósos et paréntes nostros in generatióne suâ.
℣. Hæréditas sancta nepótes eórum.
℟. Et in testaméntis stetit semen eórum.

Ant. Let us praise.
Ps. i. Blessed is, &c., *p.* 6.
Ant. Let us praise men of renown, and our fathers in their generation.
℣. Their posterity are a holy inheritance.
℟. And their seed hath stood in the covenants.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Tierce.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

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HYMNUS.

Ad omnes Sanctos Benedictinos Martyres.

Avéte cœli mílites
In ásperis probáti,
Fuso cruóre nóbiles
Christíque purpuráti,

Quos execránda právitas
Tot hæresum immolávit ;
Et cæcior gentílitas
Sævæ neci dicávit.

Vicístis, Io, mártyres !
Enses, cruces, caténas,
Furcas, focos, acínaces,
Irásque felle plenas.

Quam Proto-martyr máximus
Vobis viam notávit,
Hàc vestra virtus cœlitùs
Ad laúream volávit.

Ant. Hi sunt.
Ps. cxix. Ad Dóminum, &c., *fol.* 8.

HYMN.

To all holy Benedictine Martyrs.

Hail ! soldiers, glorious in the fight,
Whose blood so many fields has stained ;
'Mid perils tried you showed your might,
And God's high honour e'er maintained.

Foul Heresy, with ruthless hate,
And Gentile's zeal, with blinder rage,
Sought, by your death, to satiate
Their fury, and their fears assuage.

The poisoned cup, devouring flame,
To you no terror could impart ;
Chains, dungeons, swords, you overcame
With manful and unyielding heart.

Along that thorny, bloody way
Which first the martyred Placid trod ;
Your valiant souls their love display,
And mount to Heaven to meet their God.

Ant. These are they.
Ps. cxix. In my trouble, &c., *p.* 8.

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Ant. Hi sunt qui venérunt de tribulatióne magnâ, et lavérunt stolas suas, et dealbavérunt eas in sánguine Agni.

℣. Tanquam aurum in fornáce probávit illos.
℟. Et quasi holocaústi hóstiam accépit eos.

Ant. These are they who have come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

℣. As gold in the furnace He hath proved them.
℟. And as a victim of a holocaust he hath received them.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Sext.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Ad SS. Apostolos Gentium Ord. S. P. N.

Avéte patres géntium,
Ardéntis astra zeli;
Sal et medéla méntium,
Vicaríque cœli.

Noctem fugástis bárbaris
Veram fidem seréndo,
Purgástis hanc zizániis
Tot hæreses preméndo.

HYMN.

To the Apostles of Nations of the Order of our holy Father.

Hail! brilliant stars of Heaven, whose zeal
The Faith to distant nations bore:
Men's minds were forced your power to feel,
And bless their God for evermore.

When nations slept in darkest night,
True light to them from Heaven ye brought;
Secured the Faith against the blight,
Which Heresy to scatter sought.

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Pars major orbis clámitat
Orci dolis levátus :
Septémtrio deprædicat
Per vos Deo renátus.

In árduis labóribus
Ad sánguinem stetístis,
Fame, siti, sudóribus
Orbi jubar dedístis.

Ant. Ite ángeli.

Ps. cxxii. Ad te, &c., *fol.* 10.

Ant. Ite ángeli velóces ad gentem convúlsam, et dilacerátam : ad pópulum, post quem non est álius.

℣. In omnem terram exívit sonus eórum.

℟. Et in fines orbis terræ verba eórum.

Saved by you from Hell's baneful sway,
Whole nations loud their joy proclaim ;
And northern climes their homage pay
To God, and bless your honoured name.

No arduous toils your souls subdue ;
'Mid hunger, thirst, and pinching cold
Your ceaseless labours you pursue,
And to the world the truth unfold.

Ant. Go, ye swift angels.

Ps. cxxii. To thee, &c., *p.* 10.

Ant. Go, ye swift angels, to a nation rent and torn in pieces : to a people, after which there is no other.

℣. Their sound hath gone forth over all the earth.

℟. And their words to the end of the world.

Prayer as at Matins.

At None.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Ad sanctos Episcopos, Doctores, et Abbates Ord. Ss. P.N.B., Apostolorum filios.

Avéte sancti Episcopi,

HYMN.

To the children of the Apostles, the holy Bishops, Doctors, and Abbots of the Order of our holy Father.

Hail ! holy Saints, ye Shepherds true,

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Doctóres ter beáti,
Contra lupos exérciti,
Ad arma sacra nati.

Plebs Christiána dúlciter
Vestro pepéndit ore,
Christi fides felíciter
Vestro stetit labóre.

Idóla fracta géntium
(Ut tártarus merétur):
Prostráta virtus dæmonum
Vestram manum fatétur.

Per áridam, per æquora
Intérriti migrástis;
Stupent nepótum sæcula
Hæc mira quæ patrástis.

Thrice blesséd teachers of mankind;
'Gainst ravenous wolves, the sheep in you
Rejoiced security to find.

Charmed by your words, Christ's tender flocks
In your discourse salvation found;
Victorious o'er hell's fiercest shocks,
The Faith through you maintained its ground.

The Gentiles' gods, in dust cast down,
(O fate deserved!) your zeal attest:
The influence of hell, o'erthrown,
Of your great power stands proof confessed.

O'er pathless seas, and deserts vast,
You traversed with undaunted heart;
Your glorious deeds, your labours past,
To future ages awe impart.

Ant. Pro pátribus tuis.

Ps. cxxv. In converténdo, &c., *fol.* 12.

Ant. Pro pátribus tuis nati sunt tibi fílii; constítues eos príncipes super omnem terram; mémores erunt nóminis tui Dómine.

℣. Vox Dómini in virtúte.

℟. Vox Dómini in magnificéntiâ.

Ant. Instead of.

Ps. cxxv. When the Lord, &c., *p.* 12.

Ant. Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee; thou shalt make them princes over all the earth; they shall remember thy name, O Lord.

℣. The voice of the Lord is in power.

℟. The voice of the Lord in magnificence.

Prayer as at Matins.

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At Vespers.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ant. Vos qui reliquístis.

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 13.

Ant. Vos qui reliquístis ómnia et secúti estis me, céntuplum accipiétis, et vitam ætérnam possidébitis.

℣. Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ant. You who have left.

Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c., *p.* 13.

Ant. You who have left all things, and have followed me, shall receive a hundred-fold, and possess life everlasting.

CAPITULUM. *Is.* viii.

Ecce ego, et púeri mei, quos dedit mihi Dóminus, in signum et in porténtum Israel, a Dómino exercítuum qui hábitat in monte Sion.

℟. Deo grátias.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Is.* viii.

Behold me, and my children, whom the Lord hath given me, for a sign and for a wonder in Israel, from the Lord of hosts, who dwelleth in Mount Sion.

℟. Thanks be to God.

HYMNUS.

Ad sanctos Monachos et Eremitas Ord. Ss. P.N.B.

Avéte claustri mílites,
Et rúpium inquilíni,
Et Angelórum súppares
In carne Seraphíni.

Vos in subácto córpore
Christi crucem tulístis;
Miránte pugnas æthere,
Cum glóriâ stetístis.

HYMN.

To the holy Monks and Hermits of the Order of Saint Benedict.

Hail! too, to ye, whose ardent love
Filled deserts wild, with sanctity;
Who, though on earth, still nobly strove
To emulate Heaven's purity.

Your passions, in subjection held,
You daily laboured to subdue;
And Heaven, approving, pleased beheld
Its grace victorious e'er in you.

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Fames, sitis, jejúnia,
Lapis, cruces, flagélla,
Vobis erant commúnia,
Incarceránte cellâ.

And while your earthly warfare lasts,
The Cross's precepts you fulfil;
With cold, with hunger, stripes and fasts,
You subjugate your flesh and will.

At mens Deo pleníssima
Ut cervus æstuábat;
Post spreta mundi gaúdia
Ad astra se levábat.

Yet, filled with thoughts of God on high,
Your souls still thirsted for His love,
And eager from earth's joys to fly,
Sought for repose in Heaven above.

℣. Gaudéte et exultáte.
℟. Quóniam merces vestra copiósa est in cœlis.
Ant. Circuiérunt in melótis.

℣. Rejoice and be glad.
℟. For your reward is great in Heaven.
Ant. They wandered about.

CANT. Magníficat, &c., *fol.* 15.
Ant. Circuiérunt in melótis, in péllibus caprínis, egéntes, angustiáti, afflícti; quibus dignus non erat mundus: in solitudínibus errántes, in móntibus, in spelúncis, et in cavérnis terræ.

CANT. My soul doth magnify, &c., *p.* 15.
Ant. They wandered about in sheep-skins, in goat-skins, being in want, distressed, afflicted; of whom the world was not worthy: wandering in deserts, in mountains, and in dens, and in caves of the earth.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Compline.

℣. Jube, Domne, benedícere.
℟. Noctem quiétam et finem perféctum concédat nobis Dóminus Omnípotens. ℟. Amen.

℣. Pray, Father, give us your blessing.
℟. May the Almighty Lord grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end. ℟. Amen.

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LECTIO BREVIS.

Séquitur ex Régulâ Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti.—Cap. vii.

Si summæ humilitátis vólumus, fratres, culmen attíngere, et ad exaltatiónem illam cœléstem, ad quam per præséntis vitæ humilitátem ascénditur, vólumus velóciter pervenire: áctibus nostris ascendéntibus scala illa erigénda est, quæ in somno Jacob appáruit, per quam ei descendéntes et ascendéntes ángeli monstrabántur. Tu autem Dómine, miserére nobis.

℟. Deo grátias.

℣. Convérte nos Deus salutáris noster.

℟. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ps. cxxxiii. Ecce nunc, &c., *fol.* 17.

SHORT LESSON.

From the Rule of our most Holy Father Saint Benedict.—Ch. vii.

If we wish, brethren, to attain the summit of the highest humility, and speedily to arrive at that heavenly exaltation, to which we ascend by lowliness in this present life: we must, by our upward-tending actions, set up that ladder, which appeared to Jacob in his sleep, whereon he saw Angels ascending and descending. And do thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Convert us, O God of our salvation.

℟. And turn away thy anger from us.

℣. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ps. cxxxiii. Behold now, &c., *p.* 17.

HYMNUS.

Ad Sanctas Sanctimoniales Ord. Ss. P.N.B.

Avéte, quæ Scholásticam
Estis ducem secútæ:
Et régulam monásticam
Pro méntium salúte.

HYMN.

To the holy Nuns of the Order of Saint Benedict.

Hail! to the choir of Virgins pure,
Who, Saint Scholastica your guide,
That heavenly bliss ye might secure,
In cloistered peace chose to abide.

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Quà prima Christi fília
Matérque prævolávit,
Hàc, O tenélla lília!
Pes vestra ambulávit.

Vicístis hostem lúbricum,
Turpísque carnis æstum;
Florem tulístis cándidum
Ad nuptiále festum.

Dum vita fluxit áspera
Inter crucis labóres,
Cor volvit Agni cántica
Et cœlicos amóres.

Along that spotless path, which she
To Christ's repose so nobly trod,
Your feet, with joyful ecstasy,
Pursue their way to meet your God.

Old Satan's wiles, with dauntless breast,
The flesh's sting you overcame,
And carried to the nuptial feast
A virgin's spotless love and name.

And whilst this life's distracting pains
And ceaseless cares, your minds employ,
Your hearts, in music's sweetest strains,
Are tuned to heavenly love and joy.

CAPITULUM.

Prudéntes vírgines aptáte vestras lámpades; ecce, sponsus venit, exíte óbviam ei. ℟. Deo grátias.

LITTLE CHAPTER.

O prudent virgins, prepare your lamps; behold, the bridegroom cometh, go forth to meet him. ℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Oleum effúsum, Jesu! nomen tuum.
℟. Ideo adolescéntulæ dilexérunt te nimis.

℣. Thy name, O Jesus, is as oil poured out.
℟. Therefore have young maidens greatly loved Thee.

Prayer as at Matins.

℣. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem meam.
℟. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.
℣. Benedicámus Dómino.
℟. Deo grátias.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto thee.
℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

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Intercéssio Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, ómniumque sanctórum filiórum ejus prótegat nos; et Præsídium Beátæ Maríæ Vírginis præsérvet nos; et benedíctio Dei Omnipoténtis, ✠ Patris, et Fílii, et Spíritûs Sancti descéndat super nos, et máneat semper. Ry. Amen.

May the intercession of our Holy Father Saint Benedict, and of all his holy children, defend us; and the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary preserve us; and may the Blessing of Almighty God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. Ry. Amen.

RECOMMENDATION OF OURSELVES TO ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.

Eia beáti Cœlites!
Cives sacræ Siónis,
Audíte nos supérstites
Ex síderum corónis.

Pestem, famem dispéllito,
Et mártias procéllas,
Favénte detur Númine
Sacras tenére cellas:

Ut Patris ardens Spíritus
Et zelus innovétur,
Et laus Dei pro víribus
Excréscat, ampliétur.
Amen.

O Blessed Saints! from Heaven's bright sphere
Regard us exiles here below;—
Pray that our Lord our sighs will hear,
And Sion's bliss on us bestow.

Far from us drive war's dread alarms,
Plagues, pestilence, and hunger fell;
Grant that, secure from sinful harms,
We in God's love may safely dwell.

Thus shall we strive our Founder's zeal,
And holy spirit to restore;
And, as our hearts God's love shall feel,
Our tongues shall praise Him more and more. Amen.

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LITANY OF SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.

Arranged as a devotion for a Novena, which may be begun on the Eve of all Saints of the Order.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	*Christ have mercy on us.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy on us.*
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
Christe exaúdi nos.	*Christ graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*	God, the Father of heaven. *Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spíritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trínitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin oí Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedícte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
S. B., gemma abbátum.	St. Benedict, gem of abbots.
S. B., patriárcha monachórum.	St. Benedict, patriarch of monks.
S. B., pater sanctórum innumerabílium.	St. Benedict, father of countless saints.

Then is said—

ON THE FIRST DAY.

Sancte Gregóri. *Ora*, &c.	St. Gregory.
S. Bonifáci.	St. Boniface.
S. Agatho.	St. Agatho.
S. Záchari.	St. Zachary.
S. Gregóri (VII.)	St. Gregory (VII.)

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Omnes sancti Pontífices Ordinis nostri, successóres Petri et Christi Vicárii, qui spíritu consílii et fortitúdinis roboráti, Eccléśiam prudentíssimè gubernástis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Pontiffs of our Order, successors of Saint Peter, and Vicars of Christ, who, strengthened with the spirit of counsel and fortitude, most prudently governed the Church.
S. Augustíne. *Ora*, &c.	St. Augustine.
S. Bonifáci.	St. Boniface.
S. Suitbérte.	St. Swithbert.
S. Willibrórde.	St. Willibrord.
S. Willibálde.	St. Willibald.
Omnes sancti natiónum Apóstoli Ordinis nostri, qui animárum zelo repléti, gentes et pópulos ad fidem Christi perduxístis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Apostles of nations of our Order, who, filled with zeal for souls, led nations and peoples to the faith of Christ.
Omnes sancti, &c., *fol.* 189.	All ye holy, &c., *p.* 189.

ON THE SECOND DAY.

Sancte Plácide cum sóciis tuis. *Ora*, &c.	St. Placid and thy companions.
S. Máxime.	St. Maximus.
S. Elphége.	St. Elphege.
S. Adalbérte.	St. Adalbert.
S. Thoma.	St. Thomas.
Sancti Ewáldi. *Oráte*, &c.	Saints Ewald.
Sancti Gerárde et Maure. *Oráte*, &c.	Saints Gerard and Maurus.
Omnes sancti Mártyres Ordinis nostri, qui flammâ charitátis incénsi, sánguinem pro Christo effudístis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Martyrs of our Order, who, on fire with the flame of charity, shed your blood for Christ.
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ON THE THIRD DAY.

Sancte Paulíne. *Ora*, &c.	St. Paulinus.
S. Mellíte.	St. Mellitus.
S. Juste.	St. Justus.
S. Laurénti.	St. Laurence.

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S. Ceádda.	St. Chad.
S. Cuthbérte.	St. Cuthbert.
S. Aldhélme.	St. Aldhelm.
S. Wilfríde.	St. Wilfrid.
S. Swithúne.	St. Swithin.
S. Odo.	St. Odo.
S. Dunstáne.	St. Dunstan.
S. Oswálde.	St. Oswald.
S. Wulstáne.	St. Wulstan.
S. Joánnes.	St. John.
Omnes sancti Epíscopi Ordinis nostri, qui bonis opéribus ornáti, virtútum odóre mundum replevístis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Bishops of our Order, who, adorned with good works, filled the world with the odour of virtues.
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ON THE FOURTH DAY.

Sancte Ildephónse. *Ora*, &c.	St. Ildephonsus.
S. Leánder.	St. Leander.
S. Isidóre.	St. Isidore.
S. Ansélme.	St. Anselm.
S. Bernárde.	St. Bernard.
S. Beda.	St. Bede.
Omnes sancti Doctóres Ordinis nostri, qui spíritu sapiéntiæ et intelligéntiæ illumináti, profúnda Dei penetrástis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Doctors of our Order, who, enlightened with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, penetrated the deep things of God.
Omnes sancti, &c., *fol.* 189.	All ye holy, &c., *p.* 189.

ON THE FIFTH DAY.

Sancte Maure. *Ora*, &c.	St. Maurus.
S. Benedícte (*Biscope*).	St. Bennet (*Biscop*).
S. Petre.	St. Peter.
S. Æmiliáne.	St. Æmilian.
Omnes sancti Abbátes et Prælláti Ordinis nostri, qui spíritu prudéntiæ prædíti, fratres sanctíssimè rexístis. *Oráte.*	All ye holy Abbots and Prelates of our Order, who, endowed with the spirit of prudence, most holily governed your brethren.
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ON THE SIXTH DAY.

Sancte Romuálde. *Ora*, &c.	St. Romuald.
S. Joánnes Gualbérte.	St. John Gualbert.
S. Stéphane.	St. Stephen.
S. Silvéster.	St. Silvester.
S. Petre Cœlestíne.	St. Peter Celestine.
S. Guliélme.	St. William.
Omnes sancti Congregatiónum Fundatóres Ordinis nostri, qui spíritu sanctíssimi Patris nostri repléti, novos fructus in istâ olívâ Ecclésiæ fructíferâ germinástis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Founders of Congregations of our Order, who, filled with the spirit of our holy Father, caused new fruits to bud forth in that fruitful olive-tree of the Church.
Omnes sancti, &c., *fol.* 189.	All ye holy, &c., *p.* 189.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY.

Sancte Sigismúnde. *Ora*, &c.	St. Sigismund.
S. Sigisbérte.	St. Sigisbert.
S. Sebba.	St. Sebb.
Omnes sancti Imperatóres, Reges, et Príncipes Ordinis nostri, qui voluntátes próprias deseréntes, in viâ obediéntiæ ambulástis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Emperors, Kings, and Princes of our Order, who, laying down your own wills, walked in the way of obedience.
Sancte Gúthlace. *Ora*, &c.	St. Guthlac.
S. Neótte.	St. Neot.
S. Grimbálde.	St. Grimbald.
Omnes sancti Mónachi et Eremítæ Ordinis nostri, qui cuncta terréna despiciéntes, Régulæ jugo colla submisístis. *Oráte*, &c.	All ye holy Monks and Hermits of our Order, who, despising all earthly things, submitted your necks to the yoke of the holy Rule.
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ON THE EIGHTH DAY.

Sancta Scholástica. *Ora,* &c.	St. Scholastica.
S. Florentína.	St. Florentina.
S. Ethelbúrga.	St. Ethelburge.
S. Hilda.	St. Hilda.
S. Walbúrga.	St. Walburga.
S. Editha.	St. Editha.
S. Hildegárdis.	St. Hildegarde.
S. Mechtíldis.	St. Mechtilde.
S. Gertrúdis.	St. Gertrude.
S. Ebba cum sodálibus tuis.	St. Ebba and thy companions.
Omnes sanctæ Vírgines Ordinis nostri, quæ lílium castitátis ab infántiâ intáctum servántes, Sponsum crucifíxum toto corde dilexístis. *Oráte,* &c.	All ye holy Virgins of our Order, who, preserving the lily of chastity unspotted from your infancy, loved with all your heart your crucified Spouse.
Omnes sancti, &c., *ut infrà.*	All ye holy, &c., *as below.*

ON THE NINTH DAY.

Sancta Richárda. *Ora,* &c.	St. Richarda.
S. Cunegúndis.	St. Cunegunde.
S. Etheldréda.	St. Etheldreda.
S. Bathílda.	St. Bathilda.
S. Francísca.	St. Frances.
Omnes sanctæ Imperatríces, Regínæ, et Príncipes Ordinis nostri, quæ mundánas vanitátes fugiéntes, obediéntiæ et humilitátis viam quæsivístis. *Oráte,* &c.	All ye holy Empresses, Queens, and Princesses of our Order, who, fleeing from all worldly vanities, sought the path of obedience and humility.

The following is said on all the days:—

Omnes sancti Mónachi et Moniáles Ordinis nostri, fílii sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti. *Oráte,* &c.	All ye holy Monks and Nuns of our Order, children of our holy Father Saint Benedict. *Pray,* &c.

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Propítius esto. *Parce nobis Dómine.*	Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Lord.*
Propítius esto. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*	Be merciful unto us. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
A tentatiónibus et insídiis diáboli. *Líbera nos Dómine.*	From the temptations and snares of the devil. *Deliver us, O Lord.*
A concupiscéntiâ carnis.	From the concupiscence of the flesh.
A concupiscéntiâ oculórum.	From the concupiscence of the eyes.
A supérbiâ vitæ.	From the pride of life.
A cæcitáte cordis.	From blindness of heart.
Ab omni invídiâ et ódio.	From all envy and hatred.
Ab omni acédiâ et inordinátâ tristítiâ.	From all sloth and inordinate sadness.
Ab irâ et omni malâ voluntáte.	From anger and all ill-will.
Ab omni impatiéntiâ et pusillanimitáte.	From all impatience and faint-heartedness.
A transgressióne votórum nostrórum.	From the transgression of our vows.
Ab omni peccándi occasióne.	From all occasions of sin.
A subitáneâ et improvísâ morte.	From a sudden and unprovided death.
A maledictióne perpetuâ.	From the everlasting curse.
Per ætérnam ex Patre generatiónem tuam.	By Thy eternal generation from the Father.
Per temporálem ex matre nativitátem tuam.	By Thy nativity in time from Thy holy Mother.
Per sanctíssimam vitam et conversatiónem tuam.	By Thy most holy life and conversation.
Per acerbíssimam passiónem et mortem tuam.	By Thy most bitter passion and death.
Per gloriósam resurrectiónem et ascensiónem tuam.	By Thy glorious resurrection and ascension.
Per advéntum tuum ad judícium.	By Thy coming to judgment.
Per mérita et intercessiónes sanctórum tuórum.	By the merits and intercession of Thy saints.
Peccatóres, *te rogámus audi nos.*	We sinners, (*We*) *beseech Thee to hear us.*

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Ut ante ómnia quærámus regnum Dei et justítiam ejus.
That, before all things, we may seek the kingdom of God and His justice.

Ut discámus a te, quia mitis es et húmilis corde.
That we may learn of Thee, to be meek and humble of heart.

Ut abnegémus nosmetípsos, et tolléntes crucem nostram te sequámur.
That we may deny ourselves, and take up our cross and follow Thee.

Ut jugum tuum suáve, et onus leve libénter et cúpidè suscipiámus.
That we may willingly, and eagerly, take upon us Thy sweet yoke, and Thy light burden.

Ut solíciti simus serváre unitátem spíritûs in vínculo pacis.
That we may be careful to preserve the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace.

Ut spíritu ambuléntes desidéria carnis non perficiámus.
That, walking in the spirit, we may not accomplish the desires of the flesh.

Ut paupertátem spíritûs in nobis excitáre et fovére dignéris.
That Thou vouchsafe to raise up, and to cherish, in us the spirit of poverty.

Ut nobis compunctiónem cordis et fontem lachrymárum donáre dignéris.
That Thou vouchsafe to give us compunction of heart, and the gift of tears.

Ut perféctam mortificatiónem sénsuum, et própriæ voluntátis nostræ nobis donáre dignéris.
That Thou vouchsafe to grant us the perfect mortification of our senses and of our own will.

Ut Abbátes, et Prælátos nostros, et omnes congregatiónes illis commíssas, in tuo sancto servítio conserváre dignéris.
That Thou vouchsafe to preserve in thy holy service, our Abbots and Superiors, and all the communities intrusted to them.

Ut animábus fratrum et benefactórum nostrórum réquiem ætérnam donáre dignéris.
That Thou vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to the souls of our brethren and benefactors.

Ut nos in finem usque in fide, spe et charitáte perseveráre concédas.
That Thou grant us to persevere to the end in faith, hope, and charity.

Ut nos exaudíre dignéris.
That Thou vouchsafe to hear us.

Fili Dei.
Son of God.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
Lamb of God, who takest away

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cáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*

℣. Lætámini in Dómino, et exultáte justi.

℟. Et gloriámini omnes recti corde.

the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

℣. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye just.

℟. And glory all ye right of heart.

Orémus.

Quæsumus Omnípotens Deus, ut beatíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, discipulorúmque ejus Plácidi et Mauri, virginísque ac soróris ejus Scholásticæ, sanctorúmque ómnium monachórum et moniálium, qui sub ejus signis, atque eo duce tibi militavérunt, méritis et exémplis, rénoves in nobis Spíritum Sanctum tuum: quo aspiránte, contra carnem, mundum, et diábolum vírliter decertémus. Et quia sine labóre certáminis non est palma victóriæ, da nobis in advérsis patiéntiam, in tentatióne constántiam, in perículis consílium; da nobis castimóniæ puritátem, paupertátis desidérium, obediéntiæ fructum, observántiæ fidéle propósitum: quátenùs tuâ consolatióne roboráti, ac fratérnâ devíncti charitáte, serviámus húmero uno: sicque transeá-

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Almighty God, through the merits and examples of our most holy Father Saint Benedict, of his disciples Saints Placid and Maurus, of his virgin sister Saint Scholastica, and of all the holy monks and nuns who have served Thee under his standard and guidance, to renew in us Thy Holy Spirit; that, by His inspiration, we may strenuously fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil. And since there is no palm of victory without the labour of a contest, grant us patience in adversity, constancy in temptation, and counsel in dangers; give us the purity of chastity, the desire of poverty, the fruit of obedience, and a faithful observance of regular discipline: that, strengthened by Thy consolation, and bound together by fraternal charity, we may serve Thee with united efforts; and may so pass

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mus per hæc temporália, ut ad ætérnam pátriam, quandóque victóres, et coronáti, sanctorúmque monachórum cœtibus inseréndi, pervenire mereámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: qui tecum vivit, et regnat in unitáte Spíritûs Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

through these temporal things, as to deserve at length,—victorious and crowned, and worthy to be associated with the choirs of holy monks,—to arrive at our eternal country. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER TO SAINT SCHOLASTICA, AND ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.*

O Virgin Spouse of Christ, holy Saint Scholastica! I crave thy motherly benediction, especially begging thee, out of thy tender love, to bless me with thy innocency of life, regular observance, recollection, and silence; with thy spiritual discourse, burning love of God, and thirsting after heavenly joys, and this for the love and honour of the Queen of Virgins, and of her Blessed Son Jesus. Amen.

O glorious Saints of our Holy Order, give me also, I beseech you, your benediction; and, for the glory of God, supply for my innumerable defects by the superabundant treasure of all your powerful and holy merits; that, now and at the hour of my death, I may effectually obtain, by your intercession, the blessing of God and of His all-immaculate Mother;—the blessing of our holy Father and his virgin sister;—the blessing of each one of you, and of my other Patron Saints;—the blessing of my good Angel;—the blessing of all the Saints in heaven, and of the just on earth: that, in the fountain of charity, I may be cleansed from all iniquities, confirmed in sanctity, and admitted to glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* From a MS. in the Convent of our B. Lady of Consolation, Stanbrook.

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HYMNS IN HONOUR OF ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.

I.

FROM "HYMNI SACRI ET NOVI" OF V. SANTEUIL, CAN. REG.

Quæ signáta novo sémita lúmine
Cœlo se réserat, dícite cœlites?
Hanc fulgens rádiis ingréditur viam
Sacri cónditor Ordinis.

Say, spirits blest, what path is that which shines,
With mystic splendour, in the Eastern sky?
By it, the Founder of a saintly race
Ascends triumphantly.

Illum ponè sequens, innumerábilis
Sese turma premit, férvida prævium
Aut æquáre patrem, vel própiùs sequi
Ardet pássibus æmulis.

But not alone; behind him press along
His countless children, burning with desire
To equal, or, at least, to emulate
The glory of their sire.

Adsunt progéniti sánguine régio,
Adsunt tergémino qui diadémate
Fulgent Pontífices, sunt quoque Mártyres,
Tanti progénies Patris.

Princes, and Potentates of royal blood,
Pontiffs endowed with triple sovereignty,
And Martyrs, too, the Patriarch can count
Among his progeny.

Fratrum juncta manus, sancta Sodálitas,
Vestris ut sócios agmínibus velit,

Father, and Brethren! ye whose toils are o'er,
Pray God for us who still are in the strife;

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Placári fácilis, júngere nos Deus Nostras ferte Deo preces.	That He would deign to join us to your ranks, In the eternal life.
Qui lucis Pater est, glória sit Patri ; Qui lux ipsa Patris, glória Fílio ; Ambórumque Tibi, nexus amábilis, Sit par glória, Spíritus. Amen.	Praise to the Father of eternal Light ! Praise to the Light itself, His only Son ! Praise to the Spirit, the eternal bond Which joins them, Three in One. Amen.

(P. A. O'N.)

II.

THE HYMN AT MATINS IN THE OFFICE FOR ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT, IN "OFFICIA PROPRIA CONGREGATIONIS GALLICÆ, O.S.B."

Jesu, coróna cœlitum,	O Jesus ! crown of blessed souls,
María, cœli gaúdium,	O Mary ! joy of realms on high,
Deo fruéntes ángeli,	Ye angels, filled with bliss divine,
Audíte vota súpplicum.	O ! listen to our suppliant cry.
Vos, Patriarchárum chori,	Ye venerable Patriarchs,
Vatúmque turmæ nóbiles,	Ye noble Prophets of the Lord,
Vos príncipes Apóstoli,	Ye Princes twelve of Holy Church,
Vos purpuráti Mártyres.	And ye, who feared not rack nor sword.
Vos juncta confessóribus	Ye lovely choirs of virgin saints,
Amœna castra vírginum,	Ye confessors, and hermit bands,
Anachoritárum greges,	On our rejoicings kindly smile,
Nostris favéte plaúsibus.	And bless us with your blessed hands.

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Vestris enim concívibus,
Nostram profússis régulam,
Hæc jubilántes Ordinis
Dicáta sunt solémnia.

For in these solemn rites we sing,
The sharers in your bright reward,
Who, under our most holy Rule,
Fulfilled the counsels of the Lord.

His ínclytis paréntibus
Congratulámur fílii,
Illústri quos consórtium
Vestri beat collégii.

With filial love we now rejoice,
With this our glorious ancestry;
May we your happy portion share,
Both now, and for eternity.

Sit laus Patri, cum Fílio,
Et utriúsque Flámini,
Quos vestra felix cívitas
Hymno célebrat pérpeti.
Amen.

Praise to the Father, and the Son;
And to their Spirit, equal praise!
Whom ye, blest spirits! celebrate
With jubilee, and endless lays.
Amen.

(P. A. O'N.)

III.

FROM THE SAME.—THE HYMN AT LAUDS.

Salvéte, cedri Líbani,
Plantæ viréntes Ordinis,
Quæ prata nunc cœléstia
Implétis almo gérmine.

Hail, cedars of Mount Libanus,
Our Order's pride! whose blossomed heads,
Towering above the starry sky,
Shed perfumes o'er the heavenly meads.

Vos Trinitátis glória
Ætérna circumpléctitur:

Your sunshine is the eternal light,
The glory of the Trinity;

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Vos aura Matris Vírginis
Mulcet piis favóniis.

Your zephyrs, the benignant smile
Of Mary's sweet maternity.

Vos angelórum cúriæ
Cingunt choréa pé-petim,
Et írrigant puríssimi
Æternitátis rívuli.

Angelic legions fence you round
With ceaseless love; and, 'neath your shade,
The waters of eternal life
Flow freshly through each verdant glade!

O ínclytæ propágines,
Vestros juváte fílios:
In valle mœstâ débiles
Nos roboráte súrculos.

Cedars of God, our parent stock!
Help us who languish here below;
Impart to us your giant strength,
That we, like you, to Heaven may grow.

Sit laus Patri, cum Fílio,
Simúlque dulci Flámini:
Læti quibúscum vívitis
In sempitérno lúmine.
Amen.

Let God the Father, and the Son,
And Paraclete be ever hymned;
With whom you dwell, replete with bliss,
In splendour never to be dimmed. Amen.

(P. A. O'N.)

IV.

HYMN FOR FIRST VESPERS OF THE COMMON OF MONKS, IN "BREVIARIUM MONASTICUM CLUNIACENSE."

Felíces némorum pángimus íncolas,
Certo consílio quos Deus ábdidit,
Ne contágio sæcli
Mores læderet íntegros.

Sing we of those, whom in the forest wild
God hid from human eye;
There by the world's contagion undefiled
With Him to live and die.

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Ut te possídeant, quem sítiunt, Deum,
Urbes, regna, suos, se quoque déserunt;
Totus víluit orbis,
Dum cœléstia cógitant.

Their home, their native land, their all they left;
Name, wealth, imperial throne,
Alike to them were worthless; self-bereft!
And wrapt in Heaven alone!

Nudi, prompti, álacres, líberi ab ómnibus,
Ad luctam púgiles ócyùs ádvolant;
Infídum ut mare tranent,
Prudéntes onus éxuunt.

Armed for the battle, swift, unfettered, free,
They flew to meet the foe;
And wisely, bound to stem a treacherous sea,
Aside their burdens threw.

Ætérnas ut opes cértaque gaúdia
Secúri rápiant, ómnia lúdicra
Sano péctore temnunt,
Confísi melióribus.

(They little cared for worldly smiles and mirth,
But made a wiser choice;
Scorning the fleeting gaiety of earth
For endless wealth and joys.)

Illis summa fuit glória despíci;
Illis divítiæ paupériem pati!
Illis summa volúptas
Longo supplício mori.

Their highest glory was—to be despised!
To suffer want—their gain!
The happiness which they supremely prized—
To die by lengthened pain!

Fac nos, summe Deus, quæ pátimur mala
In pœnam scélerum ferre libéntiùs:
Et tellúre relictâ
Immortália quærere.

Help us, great God, to bear with patience meek
The chastenings of Thy love;
Help us, forsaking earthly things, to seek
Thy promised joys above.

Ætérnus sit honos ingénito Patri,
Sit par unígenæ glória Fílio;

(All praise to Thee, unborn Paternity!
And to Thy Only Son;

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Sacri nexus amóris,
Laus compar tibi Spíritus. Amen.

And to the Paraclete, the loving tie
That binds you, Three in One.) Amen.
(E. C.)

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.

NOVEMBER XIII.

Double of the First Class with an Octave.

In the First Vespers (said November 12) *all as in the Second Vespers, p.* 202, *except,*

1us Ps. Dixit Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 13.
2us Ps. Confitébor, &c., *fol.* 120.
3us Ps. Beátus vir, &c., *fol.* 121.
4us Ps. Laudáte púeri, &c., *fol.* 122.

℣. Lætámini in Dómino, et exultáte justi.
℟. Et gloriámini omnes recti corde.

Ant. ad Magnificat. Exúltet ómnium turba fidélium, pro glóriâ almi Patris Benedícti, et eórum ómnium qui ejus vestígia sunt secúti: læténtur præcípuè catérvæ monachórum, celebrántes eórum festa in terris, de quorum societáte sancti congaúdent in cœlis.

1st Ps. The Lord said, &c., *p.* 13.
2nd Ps. I will praise, &c., *p.* 120.
3rd Ps. Blessed is the man, &c., *p.* 121.
4th Ps. Praise the Lord, &c., *p.* 122.

℣. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye just.
℟. And glory all ye right of heart.

Ant. at Magnificat. Let the crowd of all the faithful exult at the glory of our benign Father Benedict, and of all those who have followed his footsteps; especially let the troops of monks be glad, now celebrating on earth the feast of those in whose society the saints rejoice in heaven.

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At Mass.

INTROITUS. Gaudeámus omnes in Dómino, diem festum celebrántes sub honóre sanctórum Monachórum: de quorum solemnitáte gaudent ángeli, et collaúdant Fílium Dei. Ps. xxxii. Exultáte justi in Dómino: rectos decet collaudátio. ℣. Glória, &c.

INTROIT. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival in honour of the holy Monks, at whose solemnity the angels rejoice, and praise the Son of God. Ps. xxxii. Rejoice in the Lord, ye just: praise becometh the upright. ℣. Glory, &c.

ORATIO. Concéde, quæsumus, Omnípotens Deus; ut ad meliórem vitam sanctórum Monachórum exémpla nos prývocent: quátenus quorum solémnia ágimus, étiam actus imitémur. Per, &c.

COLLECT. Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that the examples of Thy holy Monks may animate us to a better life: so that we may imitate their actions, whose solemnity we celebrate. Through, &c.

LECTIO EPISTOLÆ BEATI PAULI APOSTOLI AD CORINTHIOS. ii. 6.

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL, THE APOSTLE, TO THE CORINTHIANS. ii. 6.

Fratres, Exhibeámus nosmetípsos, sicut Dei minístros, in multâ patiéntiâ, in tribulatiónibus, in necessitátibus, in angústiis, in plagis, in carcéribus, in seditiónibus, in labóribus, in vigíliis, in jejúniis, in castitáte, in sciéntiâ, in longanimitáte, in suavitáte, in Spíritu Sancto, in caritáte non fictâ, in verbo veritátis, in virtúte Dei; per arma justítiæ a dextris et a sinístris; per glóriam et ignobilitátem, per infámiam et bonam famam: ut seductóres et

Brethren, Let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left; by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true, as

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veráces, sicut qui ignóti et cógniti: quasi moriéntes, et ecce vívimus: ut castigáti, et non mortificáti: quasi tristes, semper autem gaudéntes: sicut egéntes, multos autem locupletántes: tamquam nihil habéntes, et ómnia possidéntes.

unknown, and yet known: as dying, and behold we live: as chastised, and not killed: as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing, and possessing all things.

GRADUALE. Timéte Dóminum omnes sancti ejus: quóniam nihil deest timéntibus eum. ℣. Inquiréntes autem Dóminum non deficient omni bono. Allelúia, allelúia. ℣. Veníte ad me omnes qui laborátis et oneráti estis, et ego refíciam vos. Allelúia.

GRADUAL. Fear the Lord, all ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. ℣. But they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good. Alleluia, alleluia. ℣. Come to me all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL, *as on the Feast of our Holy Father Saint Benedict—p.* 118.

OFFERTORIUM. Justórum ánimæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos torméntum mortis: visi sunt óculis insipiéntium mori, illi autem sunt in pace. Allelúia.

OFFERTORY. The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace. Alleluia.

SECRETA. Hóstias tibi, Dómine, sanctórum Monachórum tuórum dicátas méritis benígnus assúme: et ad perpétuum nobis tríbue provenire subsídium. Per, &c.

SECRET. Graciously accept, O Lord, the sacrifice devoted to thee, through the merits of thy holy Monks: and grant that it may become a perpetual support to us. Through, &c.

COMMUNIO. Beáti mundo corde, quóniam ipsi Deum vidébunt: beáti pacífici,

COMMUNIO. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God: blessed are the peace-

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quóniam fílii Dei vocabúntur: beáti qui persecutiónem patiúntur propter justítiam, quóniam ipsórum est regnum cœlórum.

makers, for they shall be called the children of God: blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

POSTCOMMUNIO. Quæsumus, Dómine, salutáribus repléti mystériis, ut sanctórum tuórum Monachórum, quórum solémnia celebrámus, oratiónibus adjuvémur. Per, &c.

POSTCOMMUNION. Replenished with thy holy mysteries, we beseech thee, O Lord: that we may be helped by the prayers of thy holy Monks, whose solemnity we celebrate. Through, &c.

Second Vespers.

Pater noster, &c. Ave María, &c.

℣. ✠ Deus in adjutórium meum inténde.

℟. Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína. Glória, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

℣. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory, &c.

Ant. Fulgébunt justi, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus, &c., *fol.* 13.

Ant. Fulgébunt justi sicut sol, in regno Patris eórum, dicit Dóminus.

Ant. The just shall shine, *as below.*

Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c., *p.* 13.

Ant. The just shall shine as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father, saith the Lord.

Ant. Beáti éritis, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxi. Beátus vir, &c., *fol.* 121.

Ant. Beáti éritis cum vos óderint hómines, et cum separáverint vos, et exprobráverint, et ejécerint nomen vestrum tamquam

Ant. Blessed shall ye be, *as below.*

Ps. cxi. Blessed is the man, &c., *p.* 121.

Ant. Blessed shall ye be when men shall hate you, and shall separate you, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake:

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malum propter Fílium hóminis : gaudéte et exultáte, ecce enim merces vestra multa est in cœlis.

rejoice and be glad, for behold your reward is great in heaven.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis, *ut infrà*.

Ps. cxii. Laudáte púeri, &c., *fol.* 122.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis ánimæ sanctórum, qui Christi vestígia sunt secúti : et quia pro ejus amóre sæculum sprevérunt, ídeo cum Christo exúltant sine fine.

Ant. The souls of the just, *as below*.

Ps. cxii. Praise the Lord, &c., *p.* 122.

Ant. The souls of the just, who have followed the footsteps of Christ, rejoice in heaven : and because, through love of Him, they have despised the world, therefore they exult with Christ for ever.

Ant. O quam gloriósum est, *ut infrà*.

Ant. O how glorious, *as below*.

Ps. cxv.

Crédidi, propter quod locútus sum : * ego autem humiliátus sum nimis.

Ego dixi in excéssu meo : * omnis homo mendax.

Quid retríbuam Dómino : * pro ómnibus quæ retríbuit mihi ?

Cálicem salutáris accípiam : * et nomen Dómini invocábo.

Vota mea Dómino reddam coràm omni pópulo ejus : * pretiósa in conspéctu Dómini mors sanctórum ejus.

O Dómine quia ego servus tuus : * ego servus tuus, et fílius ancíllæ tuæ.

Dirupísti víncula mea : * tibi sacrificábo hóstiam laudis.

Ps. cxv.

I have believed, therefore have I spoken : * but I have been humbled exceedingly.

I said in my excess : * every man is a liar.

What shall I render to the Lord : * for all the things that he hath rendered to me ?

I will take the chalice of salvation : * and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord before all his people : * precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, for I am thy servant : * I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid.

Thou hast broken my bonds : * I will sacrifice to thee the

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dis, et nomen Dómini invocábo.

Votamea Dómino reddam in conspéctu omnis pópuli ejus : * in átriis domûs Dómini, in médio tui Jerúsalem.

Glória, &c.

Ant. O quam gloriósum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti : amícti stolis albis sequúntur Agnum quocúmque íerit.

sacrifice of praise, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the sight of all his people ;* in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Glory, &c.

Ant. O how glorious is the kingdom where all the Saints rejoice with Christ : clothed in white garments, they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

CAPITULUM. *Is.* viii.

Ecce ego et púeri mei, quos dedit mihi Dóminus, in signum, et in pórtentum Israel ; a Dómino exercítuum, qui hábitat in monte Sion.

℟. Deo grátias.

℟. Exúltent justi,* in conspéctu Dei. ℟. Exúltent, &c. ℣. Et delecténtur in lætítiâ. * In conspéctu Dei. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. ℟. Exúltent, &c.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Is.* viii.

Behold me and my children, whom the Lord hath given me, for a sign and for a wonder in Israel ; from the Lord of Hosts, who dwelleth in Mount Sion.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℟. Let the just exult,* in the sight of God. ℟. Let, &c. ℣. And rejoice in gladness.* In the sight of God. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ℟. Let, &c.

HYMNUS.

Avéte solitúdinis,
Claustríque mites íncolæ,
Qui pertulístis ímpios
Cœtus furéntis tártari.

Gemmas et auri póndera,
Et dignitátum cúlmina

Calcástis, et fœdíssima
Quæ mundus offert gaúdia.

HYMN.

Gentle Hermits of the waste !
Tenants of the mossy cell !
Hail to you, who nobly faced
All the raging hosts of Hell !

Yours it was to tread in dust
Golden heaps and jewelled toys,
Vain ambition's empty trust,
All the world's defiling joys.

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Vobis olus cibária
Fuére, vel legúmina;
Potúmque lympha præbuit,
Humúsque dura léctulum.

Scanty herb and running brook
All your simple fare supplied;
All your rest the chilly rock,
Hollowed in the mountain side.

Vixístis inter áspides,
Sævísque cum dracónibus,
Porténta nec tetérrima
Vos terruére dæmonum.

Asp and adder gliding by,
Howling fiends of angry night,
Gloomy portents of the sky,
Smit your soul with no affright.

Rebus procul mortálibus,

Mens avolábat férvida,
Divúmque juncta cœtui,
Hærébat inter sídera.

Where the golden mansions glow,
Thither had she sped her way;
From the vale of night below
Mounting to immortal day.

Summo Parénti cœlitum,

Magnæque Proli Vírginis,
Sancto simul Paráclito,
Sit summa laus et glória.
Amen.

Praise to Thee, O Trine and One!
Father, high enthroned above;
Virgin-born, eternal Son!
Spirit of eternal love!
Amen.

℣. Exultábunt sancti in glóriâ.
℟. Lætabúntur in cubílibus suis.
Ant. In regeneratióne, *ut infrà.*
CANT. Magníficat, &c., *fol.* 15.
Ant. In regeneratióne cum séderit Fílius hóminis in sede Majestátis suæ, sedébitis et vos super sedes duódecim, judicántes duódecim tribus Israel.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.

℣. The Saints shall exult in glory.
℟. And shall be joyful in their beds.
Ant. When in the regeneration, *as below.*
CANT. My soul doth magnify, &c., *p.* 15.
Ant. When in the regeneration the Son of man shall sit on the seat of His Majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.
Our Father, &c.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

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Orémus.	Let us pray.
Concéde, &c., *ut suprà, fol.* 200.	Grant, &c., *as above, p.* 200.
Dóminus vobíscum.	The Lord be with you.
Et cum spíritu tuo.	And with thy spirit.
℣. Benedicámus Dómino.	℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Deo grátias.	℟. Thanks be to God.

The next day being "All Souls of the Holy Order of Saint Benedict," the Vespers for the Dead, with the Prayer Deus veniæ, *are said.*

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Union of Prayers and Good Works,

TO OBTAIN THE REVIVAL OF THE SPIRIT OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.*

OBJECT OF THE UNION.

WHEREAS, in these times, religious Orders are publicly and privately persecuted by the enemies of the Church, so that many religious communities have been totally destroyed, and others seem threatened with immediate ruin; some monks of the Order of our holy Father Saint Benedict, in Italy, France, England, Switzerland, Bavaria, Hungary, and other parts of the Austrian empire, and in other countries, have resolved to form a pious Union to implore the Divine assistance;—that God would preserve, and fill with a new spirit, the communities consecrated to Him, and not deliver them into the hands of their enemies;—that He, who formerly raised up His Holy Spirit in our fathers, would revive the same in their children;—that He would everywhere cherish, preserve, and increase holy monastic discipline; and, where it has failed, would renew and re-establish it with fresh increase of virtue.

It is certain that this Union tends to promote the wishes of his Holiness, Pius IX., who, at the very beginning of his Pontificate, manifested, by an encyclical letter, and soon after by acts, as well as by words, his desire of renewing the fervour of religious Orders.

All the children of our holy Father are affectionately invited to enter into this truly pious and fraternal Union.

RULES OF THE UNION.

1. The members of this Union shall fulfil all the duties of their state with the greatest diligence: they shall zealously

* Taken from a circular letter of the Right Rev. Dom. Angelo Pescetelli, present Abbot of St. Paul's at Rome.

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observe the Holy Rule, and the Constitutions of their Congregation or Monastery; they shall earnestly cultivate the spirit of poverty, and strive faithfully to perform all things that the spirit of our Order requires from them.

2. Early every day they shall offer to God, for the object of the Union, all their works, spiritual exercises, mortifications, adversities, and monastic observances.

3. During the holy sacrifice of the Mass, at the *Mementos* for the living and the dead, they shall always specially pray for the members of this Union, and for all who are living under the Rule of our holy Father Saint Benedict; but particularly for superiors, and the young members of the Order.

4. The associates shall daily ask the patronage of our Blessed Lady, the especial protectress of the Order, by reciting the Antiphon "Sancta Maria," "O holy Mary," as below.

5. To excite and increase the religious spirit, the members shall endeavour to have a filial devotion to our holy Father Saint Benedict; a great esteem for the Order founded by him; and a peculiar veneration for the saints of his Order. For this end they shall daily recite the Antiphon "Sanctissime," "O most holy," with the annexed prayers, as below.

6. It is greatly to be desired, that, as far as superiors allow, the members should inform each other of the success of their efforts, and mutually encourage and exhort each other.

PRAYERS OF THE UNION.

Sancta María succúrre míseris, réfove flébiles; ora pro pópulo, intérveni pro Clero; intercéde pro monachórum choro, exóra pro devóto femíneo sexu; séntiant omnes tuum juvámen quicúmque devótè célebrant tuum sanctum nomen.

O holy Mary, succour the miserable, comfort the afflicted; pray for the people, supplicate for the Clergy; intercede for the choir of monks, plead for the devout female sex; let all be sensible of thy help, who devoutly celebrate thy holy name.

Sanctíssime Conféssor Dómini, monachórum Pater et Dux, Benedícte, intercéde pro nostrâ, omniúmque salúte.

O most holy Confessor of the Lord, Saint Benedict, Father and guide of monks, intercede for the salvation of ourselves, and of all.

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℣. Dómine Deus virtútum convérte nos.

℟. Et osténde fáciem tuam, et salvi érimus.

℣. Convert us, O Lord God of hosts.

℟. And show Thy face, and we shall be saved.

Orémus.

Excita Dómine in Ecclésiâ tuâ spíritum cui beátus Pater noster Benedíctus abbas servívit; ut eódem nos repléti, studeámus amáre quod amávit, et ópere exercére quod dócuit.

Da nobis, quæsumus Dómine, perseveántem in tuâ voluntáte famulátum; ut in diébus nostris, et mérito, et número, pópulus tibi sérviens augeátur. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray.

Raise up, O Lord, in Thy Church, the spirit wherewith our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, was animated; that, filled with the same, we may study to love what he loved, and to practise what he taught.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to persevere in the service of Thy will; that, in our days, the people who serve Thee may increase both in merit and number. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT OF AN INDULGENCE.

Ex Audiéntiâ Sanctíssimi.

Sanctíssimus Dóminus noster Pius Papa IX. ómnibus mónachis et moniálibus præfáti Ordinis, præfatæque Unióni adscríptis, necnon in pósterum adscribéndis, suprà enunciátas preces corde saltem contríto, et devótè recitántibus, tercéntum diérum Indulgéntiam semel in quólibet anni die acquiréndam be-

At an Audience of His Holiness.

His Holiness, our Lord Pope Pius IX. has kindly granted for ever, without issuing a brief, an Indulgence of three hundred days, to be gained once each day in the year, to all monks and nuns of the aforesaid Order already enrolled, or hereafter to be enrolled, in the aforesaid Union, who shall devoutly recite the above prayers, with at least a

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nígne in perpétuum concéssit absque ullâ brevis expeditióne. Datum Romæ ex secretáriâ S. Congregatiónis Indulg. die 29 Novémbris 1853.

F. CARD. ASQUINIUS, Præf.

A. COLOMBO, Sec.

contrite heart. Given at Rome, from the office of the secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, Nov. 29th, 1853.

F. CARD. ASQUINI, Prefect.

A. COLOMBO, Secretary.

The following Responsory may be appropriately said for the Intentions of the Union, after the Angelus, or other devotions :—

℣. Sancte Pater Benedícte, intercéde pro nobis.

℟. Sancte Pater Benedícte, intercéde pro nobis.

℣. Et ímpetra nobis spíritum tuum.

℟. Intercéde pro nobis.

℣. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto.

℟. Sancte Pater Benedícte, intercéde pro nobis.

℣. O holy Father Saint Benedict, intercede for us.

℟. O holy Father Saint Benedict, intercede for us.

℣. And obtain for us thy spirit.

℟. Intercede for us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. O holy Father Saint Benedict, intercede for us.

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Benedictine Scapular.*

THE doctrine of the Communion of Saints assures us, that there is a fellowship of spiritual blessings existing among all the members of the Church. And so, from the earliest times, we find devout persons living in the world, by some outward act, holding forth a claim of participation in the good works of those who had consecrated themselves to the perpetual service of God.

When the Order of our holy Father Saint Benedict became diffused through the world, many of the laity desired to become his adopted children. As a mark of their love and veneration for those who had abandoned all for Christ's sake, and had taken upon themselves the obligation of walking more closely in His footsteps, our Catholic forefathers delighted in consecrating some part of their wealth, to found and endow Monasteries and Convents, in which there might be offered to God a continual sacrifice of praise; and before whose altars their bodies might repose after death, in hopes that their souls would be remembered in the Sacred Offices of the Church, and in the daily Sacrifice.

Out of gratitude for these benefits, or to reward their devotion towards our holy Father Saint Benedict, the names of these benefactors were frequently enrolled amongst the names of the brethren of the Monastery;† and they themselves were invested with a portion of the religious habit, and received letters of affiliation, by which they became adopted children of the Saint, and partakers of all the good works and merits of the Order.

* See "A Short Treatise touching the Confraternitie of the Scapular of St. Benedict's Order, by A. B." (Anthony Batt). Douay, A.D. 1639.

† In an old MS. of Christ Church, Canterbury, were two lists, one, of the Fraternities, or alliances of prayers, &c., between the monks of Canterbury and those of different houses and Orders; the other, of the deaths of individuals, which were announced every year on the day of their decease.—Vide *Reyner's Apostolatus, Append.* p. 253.

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Thus, we read in Surius,* that Saint Benedict himself admitted Tertullus, the father of Saint Placid, to a participation of the good works of the Order. Antonius Yepez, in his Chronicles (an. 64), relates that King Theodobert desired the same favour from Saint Maurus; and the Emperor Frederic is mentioned by Chrysostom Henriquez (Menol. p. 240), as obtaining the same privilege. Saint Bernard implores Louis VI. to desist from his injurious treatment of the Bishop of Paris, through their mutual friendship and fraternity.†

The same practice has been observed by the English Benedictine congregation, as is proved by the letter of affiliation given by the monks of Canterbury to Louis IX. of France,‡ and by other documents. The power of admitting benefactors, and others whose devotion to our holy Father Saint Benedict and his Order may cause them to desire it, to a participation of the merits and good works of the Order, belongs, at present, to the Very Rev. President General, the Provincials and Priors of the Congregation, and others delegated by them. The form of admission, as well as the letter of association and the prayers, &c. to be said by those who are received into the Order, were printed in the year 1639, in "A Short Treatise touching the Confraternitie of the Scapular of Saint Benedict's Order."

As some doubt existed whether the rescript of Gregory XVI.,§ which annulled the prohibition of Benedict XIV. with respect to Indulgences,‖ extended to the Confraternity of the Scapular of Saint Benedict, the Sacred Congregation replied to a petition presented to his present Holiness in December, 1854,¶ that there was no need of a new rescript,

* Tertullus vero, deosculatâ omni congregatione, rogavit Patrem Benedictum, quatenus eum fratres dignarentur in suam recipere societatem.—*Surius, 5th Oct.* From an old MS. Life of St. Placid, in the Vatican Library.

† Per illam invicem amicitiam nostram et fraternitatem.—*Ep.* xlv.

‡ Obiit Ludovicus Rex Francorum piissimus, frater et benefactor noster, &c. Sane de communi voluntate, et assensu omnium nostrum, vos, et Dominam reginam hæredemque vestrum, et vestros, beneficiorum Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ participes, plenius esse concessimus.—*Reyner's Apostolatus, Append.* p. 254.

§ Dated September 29th, 1838.

‖ Apostolicum ministerium.

¶ Ut benignè dignetur indulgere et declarare, quòd Patres ejusdem Congregationis possint, servatis antiquis regulis, denuò benedicere et distribuere Scapulare Ordinis S. Benedicti, adeò ut fideles possint indulgentias annexas lucrare.

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as that of September 29th, 1838, sufficiently provided for the case.

According to the eighth chapter of the Rules of the English Mission, all persons indiscriminately are not to be admitted into the Confraternity of the Scapular, but such only as are praiseworthy for their virtuous life; and who, it is presumed, will make use of the privilege conferred on them, for the glory of God and the welfare of the Order.

The duties which the individuals who are received into the Confraternity are to perform, are,—1st, to wear a small scapular, properly blessed. 2ndly, every night to examine their conscience, and by that examination to put themselves in the disposition of mind and affection, in which, by God's grace, they would not fear to die. 3rdly, to say every night, thrice over, the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*, and once the *Creed;* for the exaltation and happy success of the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church.

An Indulgence of a year and forty days is gained every time the above duties are complied with. A Plenary Indulgence may also be gained once each month, by approaching to the Sacraments of Confession and Communion with proper dispositions; and also at the hour of death by devoutly pronouncing (or if not possible, by mentally considering) the sacred name of Jesus.

When any one is to be invested with the Scapular, he ought to approach at least to the Sacrament of Penance, and if it can conveniently be done, to the Holy Communion.

The benefits conferred by the Benedictine Scapular will be seen from the Letter of Association.

LETTER OF ADMISSION INTO THE CONFRATERNITY.

Brother (N.N.) of the holy Order of Saint Benedict, and President-General of the Congregation of England of the same Order, to (N.N.); grace and happiness in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The blessed Apostle Saint Paul telleth us, that there are no sacrifices more powerful to deserve the love and protection of our merciful Redeemer, than the works of mercy, and the communicating one to another the spiritual and temporal graces which Almighty God imparteth to us. For which

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cause our holy Order hath been accustomed to admit unto the participation of all graces and merits, which by the help of God abound in it, such worthy persons as by constant profession of the Catholic Faith, and true endeavour of virtuous life and careful exercise of the works of charity, edify the company of God's Church, and help forward their weaker, or poorer, neighbours in the way of Salvation. For which respects, especially as you have desired it at our hands, we have thought good to give unto you this Letter of Fraternity for yourself: by which letter, through the power granted unto us by the Apostolic See, and from our General Chapter, we do make you partaker of all the graces and merits of our Order, admitting and accepting of you into the number of our brethren and benefactors, and communicating unto you freely and willingly from our hearts, the participation and enjoying of all suffrages, sacrifices, and masses; prayers and fastings; disciplines and alms-deeds; studies, sermons, recollections, and meditations; mortifications and obediences, and all other labours, actions, and sufferings, and good works whatsoever, that have been, or shall be performed by the help of God's grace; in union with the merits and satisfactions of our Saviour Christ, for the honour and glory of Almighty God, now and in your lifetime, and after it shall please God to call you out of this world unto His mercy; confiding that,—by the goodness of Almighty God and the intercession of His Holy Mother, and all his glorious Angels and Saints, particularly of our holy Patriarch Saint Benedict, and his sister Saint Scholastica; of his admirable children Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Augustine our Apostle, Saint Maurus, Saint Placid, Saint Romuald, Saint Bernard, Saint Celestine, and divers founders of sundry congregations under his holy rule; Saint Florentina, Saint Gertrude, Saint Hildegarde, Saint Etheldreda, Saint Eadburge, Saint Frances of Rome, and infinite other Saints of both sexes, who for the space of fourteen hundred years have flourished in our Order, enriched the Church with learning and example, and peopled Heaven with their persons,—this our grant and Letter of Fraternity, or Brotherhood, will be profitable to your soul, and a help to increase in you all good duties and virtuous endeavours. Giving you particularly to understand, that, to enjoy these things, you are to wear in secret a little scapular blessed by us; and every night to examine your conscience, and by that examination to procure to place yourself in that dispo-

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sition of mind and affection, in which, by God's grace, you would not fear to die; and after saying thrice over a "Pater" and "Ave," and once a "Creed," for the exaltation and happy success of the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church, you shall, for every time thus doing, obtain remission for a year and forty days of penance otherwise due, or enjoined for your sins. And having confessed with hearty contrition and sorrow, and also communicated and received the Sacrament of the Altar once a month, you shall every time so doing once a month, obtain a Plenary Indulgence, and entire forgiveness of all penances and punishments due for your offences. And if at the hour of your death, you vocally repeat from your heart, the sweet name of Jesus,—or, not being able to pronounce it with your mouth, revolve it devoutly and reverently in your mind,—you shall obtain full remission of your sins. And the selfsame Indulgences you shall obtain, causing through your devotion and charity three masses to be offered for the deliverance of the soul of any departed brother thus admitted into our Fraternity. Not doubting also, but you, on your part, will assist us with your prayers, merits, and good works, and will procure to perform such holy exercises as you shall see practised by such as are of your Brotherhood, so far as you may without hindrance, or inconvenience of the other obligations of your calling, and exercise of your private devotions. In witness of all which, we have in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one, true, immortal, and most merciful God, in three consubstantial persons, given this our Letter of Confraternity, and sealed it with our seal, under our own hand, and the subscription of our secretary.

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FORM OF BLESSING AND CONFERRING THE SCAPULAR.

The person to be invested having previously confessed, and, if convenient, received the Holy Communion, shall kneel down while the Scapular is being blessed.*

BLESSING OF THE SCAPULAR.

℣. ✠ Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.
℟. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.
℣. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem meam.
℟. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.
℣. Dóminus vobíscum.
℟. Et cum spíritu tuo.

℣. ✠ Our help is in the name of the Lord.
℟. Who made heaven and earth.
℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto thee.
℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Orémus.

Ætérne Pater, Omnípotens Deus, qui unigénitum tuum Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, nostræ mortalitátis frágilem vestem indúere voluísti; obsecrámus imménsam largitátis tuæ abundántiam, ut benedictiónem tuam in hunc sacrum hábitum effúndere dignéris: ut sicut ipsum sancti patres nostri ad in-

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, Almighty God, who didst will Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to clothe Himself with the frail garment of our mortality; we implore the plentifulness of Thy bounty, that Thou wouldst deign to shower down Thy blessing upon this sacred habit; that, as our holy fathers gave it to be worn by those who renounced the

* Confrater aut consoror antequam scapulari vestiatur, debebunt (*sic*) accuratè Confessionis Sacramentum saltem præmittere, et si commodè poterunt etiam sacram Communionem: deinde commodo tempore astantibus paucis fidelibus ac devotis amicis, &c.—*Constit. Mis.*, cap. viii.

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nocéntiæ et humilitátis indícium a renunciántibus sæculo sanxérunt gesténdum, ita benedictióne tuâ fiat, ut quicúmque eo devóte et fidéliter usus fúerit ob nóminis tui glóriam, et sancti servi tui Benedícti Patris nostri devotiónem, ipsum Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum indúere mereátur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum. Amen.

world, as a mark of innocence and humility, Thy blessing may cause that all who devoutly use it through glory for Thy name, and devotion to Thy servant our holy Father Saint Benedict, may deserve to put on our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Having sprinkled the Scapular with Holy Water, he who is giving the Scapular shall turn towards the Postulant, and remind him that by being received into the Confraternity he is bound, in an especial manner, to honour and defend the Holy Order of Saint Benedict; and that he is also bound (but not under the penalty of sin) to perform the daily duties mentioned in the Letter of Adoption. The Postulant having so promised, and continuing still kneeling, the Priest shall take the Blessed Scapular, and clothing him with it, shall say:—

Accipe jugum Christi suáve, et onus ejus leve: In nómine Patris, ✠ et Fílii, et Spíritûs Sancti. Amen.

Receive the sweet yoke of Christ, and His burden which is light. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

He shall then say:—

Confírma hoc, Deus, quod operátus es in nobis, a templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerúsalem.

℣. Dóminus vobíscum.

℟. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Confirm, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us from Thy holy temple, which is in Jerusalem.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Adésto dulcíssime Dómine Deus supplicatiónibus nostris, et hunc fámu-

Give ear, O most merciful Lord God, to our supplications, and grant that this Thy

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lum tuum, quem [hanc ancíllam tuam, quam] sacræ nostræ religióni sociámus, perpétuâ tríbue firmitáte roborári, ut, perseveránti propósito, in omni váleat sanctitáte tibi famulári. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

servant, whom we associate to our Holy Order, may be strengthened with constant fortitude; that, continuing firm in his [her] resolution, he [she] may serve thee in all holiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Letter of Adoption shall then be delivered, and his name entered in the book of the Confraternity.

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Medal and Cross

OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.*

UNTIL within the last few years, the wisdom of the age rejected the belief that the affairs or circumstances of this life could be influenced, in any way, by the agency of either good or evil spirits; and it still is certainly the practical, if not also the theoretical, opinion of a great number of all who are not Catholics, that the doctrine of the Sadducees is true, and that there is neither angel nor spirit.† Yet nothing can be more evident, from the teaching of Sacred Scripture, and from the relation of historians whose testimony cannot be questioned, than the fact that we are not only assisted and protected by the angels, but that the devils, by the permission of God, are allowed to assail us in various ways, and in different degrees, from the mere suggestion of an evil thought, to the obsession and possession of the body and its powers. *Why* Almighty God allows the enemy of our salvation to possess such power, rests with His own infinite wisdom, but we should have no merit in being virtuous, unless we were tempted to the opposite; and however violent the temptations may be, there is no sin, so long as they are resisted. *Latráre potest, solicitáre potest, mordére omnino non potest, nisi voléntem.*‡

The dangers of our salvation are certainly increased by this influence of the devil; but our safety is sufficiently provided for by the power which our Blessed Lord conferred on the Apostles and on the Church, of casting out devils and having dominion over them.§ While we are obliged to believe that human affairs can, to a certain extent, be interfered with by both good and bad angels, we must not fall into the

* See "Origine e Mirabili Effetti della Croce o Medaglia di S. Benedetto, da D. Francesco Zelli-Jacobuzi, O.S.B. Romæ, 1849."

† Acts, xxiii. 8.

‡ St. Augustine, Serm. 197.

§ St. Matthew, x. 1.

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opposite error of attributing to supernatural agency everything that strikes us as unusual, or wonderful; but we must imitate the prudent reserve and caution of the Church, which, while believing that such things are possible, never attributes anything to the agency of either angel or devil that can by any means be referred to natural causes.

As the power which our Blessed Lord conferred upon the Church, resulted from His passion and His death on the cross, the Church has always considered the sign of the cross as the emblem of her power over the devils, and has always recommended her children to sign themselves with the sign of the cross when exposed to temptations and trials, that it might encourage them to resist all the suggestions of the evil one, and might drive him far from them. Tertullian tells us how the early Christians venerated and used the sign of the cross; and our holy Father Saint Benedict was only following the example of his forefathers in the faith, when he employed it so frequently to overcome the wiles of the wicked one. Thus, in that short, but beautiful and striking, life of him written by Saint Gregory the Great,* several instances are recorded of his employing the sign of the cross against the devil and his temptations. On a certain day when he was alone, the tempter came, and, in the shape of a small black-coloured bird, began to fly so close about his face that he could have caught it with his hand;† but he made the sign of the cross, and it disappeared. Again, when the monks of a neighbouring monastery, who had constrained him to leave his hermitage to govern them, repented of their choice, and put poison into his cup, he made the sign of the cross over it, and instantly the cup, though held at a distance, was broken into pieces, as if it had been struck with a stone. In the nineteenth and twentieth chapters of his life it is also recorded how he overcame two illusions of the devil by the sign of the cross; and in the thirty-first it is related, how, when one of his monks was giving way to thoughts of pride, the holy Father saw what was taking place in the heart of his disciple, and at once turned to him and rebuked him sharply, saying, "Make the sign of the cross on your heart, brother,—make the sign of the cross."

This devotion of our holy Father to the cross was so great, and his confidence in its efficacy so firm, that his two re-

* See the Life of St. Benedict, translated by Rev. H. Formby.
† Chap. vii.

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nowned disciples, Saint Maurus and Saint Placid, imitated his example on like occasions, and joined the name of Saint Benedict with it, that his great faith might be accepted, to make up for what seemed to them, in their humility, their own shortcomings. Thus the name of our holy Father became intimately connected, in his Order, with the sign of the cross, and with one of peculiar shape, bearing on it the initials of certain words, which, as old manuscripts assert, were revealed to him.*

During the long course of ages which have elapsed since the time of Saint Benedict, whenever devotion towards his cross and medal has grown cold, it has been revived by some remarkable instance of their efficacy. It thus happened during the pontificate of Pope Leo IX. (A. D. 1048), who had entered the Order of the Saint out of gratitude for an especial favour which he received through the cross from the hands of Saint Benedict himself; for, when a child, he was bitten in the cheek by a serpent of so venomous a kind, that he was reduced to the last extremity, and no hopes were entertained of his recovery by his noble parents, who had done everything they could to restore him. One night, it seemed to him that a venerable old man, whom he knew to be Saint Benedict, came to him and touched his cheek with a cross which he held in his hand: the wound was at once perfectly healed, and not a trace of it was left behind.

Again, when, in consequence of the dreadful disturbances that resulted from the Reformation, the meaning of the letters on the medal had been forgotten, although the medals had continued to be used, the explanation was thus re-discovered in 1647. As the inhabitants of the towns of Metten and of Nattrenberg, in Bavaria, had been preserved from a pest of an extraordinary kind of venomous serpent through the use of Saint Benedict's medal, the mayor of Metten requested

* It is not known when the medal of St. Benedict was first struck, but the shape of the cross which is traced on it belongs to an early period. There is preserved in the "Sacred Grotto" at Subiaco, an old cross which is generally said to have been used by our holy Father himself; but the Right Rev. Dr. Ullathorne, Bishop of Birmingham, who is competent to judge in such matters, and who examined it on his pilgrimage to the cave of his holy Patriarch, says that it is plainly a mediæval cross of later date by several centuries than the death of the saint. The cross there preserved may, however, have been made with the material of an older and original one used by the saint. There is a want of *documents* to prove the existence of the devotion to the medal and cross of St. Benedict, until about A.D. 1000.

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the monks of the monastery in the same town to endeavour to ascertain the meaning of the letters, in order that the devotion towards Saint Benedict, and his cross and medal, might be increased. After a diligent search, there was found a valuable manuscript written by a former monk of the house, containing a full account of the cross and of the inscription. For many years afterwards, so great was the faith of the inhabitants in the intercession of our holy Father, and in the efficacy of his medal and cross, that many evident miracles took place.* At length, the abbot of the monastery of Saint Margaret, near Prague, applied to the Holy See, in the year 1741, for power for all the monks subject to his jurisdiction to bless and indulgence the cross and medal of Saint Benedict, as an especial protection against all the snares and temptations of the devil. The reigning Pontiff, Benedict XIV., in a brief (*Cœlestibus Ecclesiæ thesauris*), dated Dec. 23rd, 1741, approved of a form of blessing, and granted numerous indulgences. In another brief (*Ad augendam*), dated March 12th, 1742, he confirmed all that he had before granted. His late Holiness Gregory XVI. extended to the congregation of Monte Cassino all the privileges that had been granted by Benedict XIV. to the Benedictines of Bohemia and other countries; and his present Holiness, by a brief dated March 18th, 1855, has conferred them on all priests of the English Benedictine Congregation.

The medal and cross of our holy Father Saint Benedict may be either worn round the neck, or carried in any other way about the person, or fastened to any place, or may be put in water which cattle are to drink. They are used, according to the blessing of the Church which is imparted to them, to beg of God, that through the sufferings of the passion of His Son, and through the merits and intercession of His servant Saint Benedict, He would be pleased to preserve those who wear them from all the snares and temptations of the devil, and more particularly from all *obsession* or *possession*, and from witchcraft; that He would protect them from lightnings and tempests, from pestilences, sicknesses, and poisons; and that He would bestow upon them His blessings, both temporal and spiritual, and especially that he would guard them against everything that is contrary to the holy virtue of purity in mind and body.

* See "Benedictus redivivus," Auctore Domno Gabriele Bucelino, O.S.B. p. 267. Many miracles have also been wrought in France within the last few years.

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Thus the wearing it is, in a manner, a constant silent prayer to God,—from whom alone every protection and blessing is expected, and not from the mere medal, as if any virtue or power resided in it of itself,—that He would have regard to the merits of our Holy Father, and for his sake, would extend His own protection in all the aforesaid trials.

When the intercession of our Holy Father is asked for any particular intention, through the application of the medal, the divine assistance may be implored by saying five times *Glory be to the Father*, &c., in honour of the sacred Passion of our Blessed Lord; three times the *Hail Mary*, in honour of our Blessed Lady; and three times *Glory be to the Father*, in honour of our Holy Father Saint Benedict. The ejaculation on the medal can also be said.

The four letters C. S. P. B. in the angles formed by the arms of the cross, stand for the words CRUX SANCTI PATRIS BENEDÍCTI, and point out whose cross it is—THE CROSS OF HOLY FATHER BENEDICT.

The letters on the cross itself, C. S. S. M. L., N. D. S. M. D., are the initials of a pious ejaculation to be used in the time of temptation:*

CRUX SACRA SIT MIHI LUX,	OH, MAY THE CROSS A LIGHT BE UNTO ME:
NON DRACO SIT MIHI DUX.	AND NOT A GUIDE THE WICKED ENEMY.

The letters on the margin, V. R. S., N. S. M. V., S. M. Q. L., and I. V. B., are a rebuke to the tempter, and stand for

VADE RETRÒ SÁTANA;	GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN,
NUNQUAM SUADE MIHI VANA;	NEVER SUGGEST VAIN THINGS TO ME;
SUNT MALA QUÆ LIBAS,	EVIL ARE THE DRAUGHTS THOU OFFEREST,
IPSA VENÉNA BIBAS.	MAYEST THOU DRINK THY OWN POISON.

* There is some slight difference in the *words* assigned to the letters, but the sense is the same. The words given above are those attributed to the letters by the Benedictines of Germany. The Benedictines of Italy formerly used the words *Sancta* for *Sacra*, *dæmon* for *draco*, and *ipse* for *ipsa*; but they now consider the German reading more correct.

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INDULGENCES.

The following Indulgences, taken from an authentic copy of the Brief preserved in the archives of the Monastery of St. Paul extra Muros, at Rome, were granted by Benedict XIV. to all who wear a properly blessed medal of our Holy Father Saint Benedict :—

1. A Plenary Indulgence, and remission of all punishment due to sin, on condition of worthily approaching the Sacraments of Confession and Communion, and praying for the extirpation of heresies and schisms, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, for the peace and concord of Christian princes, and for the welfare of the Church—on the following feasts ; the Nativity of our Lord, the Epiphany, the Resurrection, the Ascension, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi ; the Immaculate Conception, the Nativity, the Annunciation, the Purification, and the Assumption of our Blessed Lady ; on the feast of All Saints (Nov. 1st), and on the feast of our holy Father Saint Benedict ; if they are accustomed to recite at least once a week the Corona of our Lord, or of the Blessed Virgin ; or the whole Rosary, or only a third part of it ; or the Divine Office, or the Little Office of our Blessed Lady ; or the Office of the Dead, or the Penitential or Gradual Psalms, or are accustomed to teach the principles of our Holy Faith, or visit those that are in prison, or the sick in any hospital, or assist the poor, or hear (or, if a Priest, say) Mass.

2. An Indulgence of seven years, and as many Quarantines,* on the feasts of our Lord, and of our Blessed Lady, on the feasts of the Apostles, of Saint Joseph, Saint Maurus, Saint Placid, Saint Scholastica, and Saint Gertrude, of the Order of Saint Benedict, to all who, on these days, perform any of the before-mentioned good works.

3. An Indulgence of seven years, and as many Quarantines, to all who shall fast on Friday, from reverence to the Passion of our Lord, or on Saturday in honour of our Blessed Lady; and a Plenary Indulgence and remission of all

* In the ancient Penitential Canons, a Quarantine, or Penance for forty days, was a common one.

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punishment due to sin, for all who shall have fasted on the above days, for a year, upon condition of Confession and Communion. This Indulgence can be gained by those, who, having begun this good work with the intention of observing it throughout the year, shall die before its close.

4. An Indulgence of seven years, and as many Quarantines, to all who shall hear (or, being a Priest, shall say) Mass, and shall pray for the prosperity of Christian princes, and the tranquillity of their states and dominions.

5. An Indulgence of forty days, to all who shall say once, or oftener, during the day, the ejaculation, *Blessed be the most pure and immaculate Conception.*

6. An Indulgence of a hundred days (on the day on which the good work shall be performed), to all who are accustomed to recite at least once a week the Corona or Rosary, or Office of our Blessed Lady; or the Office of the Dead; or only the Vespers, with at least one Nocturn and Lauds; or the Penitential Psalms, with the Litany and Prayers; or shall recite five times the *Hail Mary* in honour of the holy name of Mary; or the antiphon, *Sub tuum præsidium—We fly to thy patronage*—with any of the approved prayers in honour of the Blessed Virgin.

7. An Indulgence of a hundred days, to be gained once only on each Friday, on which they shall piously meditate on the passion and death of our Blessed Lord, and shall say three times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary.*

8. An Indulgence of a hundred days, to all who, through devotion to Saint Joseph, to our holy Father Saint Benedict, Saint Maurus, Saint Scholastica, and Saint Gertrude, shall say the psalm *Miserere,* or five times the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary,* to beg of God, that, by their intercession, He would preserve the Holy Catholic Church, and bestow upon themselves the grace of a happy death.

9. An Indulgence of fifty days, to all who, before saying Mass, or receiving the Holy Communion, or reciting the Divine Office, or the Little Office of our Blessed Lady, shall say some devout prayer.

10. An Indulgence of fifty days, to all who shall pray for the faithful that are in their agony, and say in their behalf, three times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary.*

11. An Indulgence of two hundred days, in addition to those granted by other Popes, to all who shall visit those that are in prison, or the sick in an hospital, and shall assist

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them by some pious work; or shall teach the Christian doctrine, either in the church or at home, to their children, relations, or servants.

12. An Indulgence of seven years, to all who shall recite the Corona or Rosary of our Blessed Lady, in honour of her most pure and immaculate Conception, begging that for the sake of her Divine Son, they may live and die without mortal sin.

13. An Indulgence of seven years, in addition to those granted by other Popes for this pious work, to all who shall devoutly accompany the Viaticum of the Blessed Sacrament when taken to the sick.

14. An Indulgence of twenty years, to be gained once only each week, to all who every day shall pray for the extirpation of heresy.

15. An Indulgence of one year to all who, examining their conscience, and being truly penitent, shall resolve to correct and confess their sins, and shall devoutly say five times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary;* and an Indulgence of ten years, on the day on which they go to Confession and Communion.

16. All who by their good example or advice, shall lead a sinner to repentance, shall obtain the remission of the third part of the satisfaction due for their own sins.

17. All who being truly repentant, shall go to Confession and Communion on Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunday, and pray for the exaltation of our holy Mother the Church, and the preservation of the Pope, shall gain those same Indulgences that are granted by His Holiness on those days when publicly giving his blessing to the people.

18. All who shall pray for the propagation of the Holy Order of our holy Father Saint Benedict, shall become partakers in each and all of the good works, in any way performed by the same Order.

19. All who being prevented by infirmity, or other lawful obstacle, cannot hear (or, being a Priest, cannot celebrate) Mass, or recite the Divine Office, or the Office of our Blessed Lady, or fulfil the other good works prescribed for gaining the above Indulgences, can nevertheless gain them, by saying in the place of those good works, three times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary*, with the antiphon, *Salve Regina;* adding at the end, "*Blessed be the most Holy Trinity, and praised be the most Holy Sacrament, and the*

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Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin:" provided that they have confessed and communicated, or at least, with a contrite heart, have made a firm resolution to confess their sins.

20. All who, being at the point of death, shall piously recommend their soul to God, having previously confessed and received the Blessed Sacrament, if they are able; or, otherwise, having made an act of contrition, shall invoke with their mouth, if they are able, or at least with their heart, the names of *Jesus* and *Mary*, shall obtain a Plenary Indulgence, and the remission of all punishment due to their sins.

21. All may acquire for themselves, or apply by way of suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed, all and each of the aforesaid Indulgences, and remissions of punishments due to sin, and penalties.

FORM OF BLESSING THE CROSS AND MEDAL OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT, APPROVED OF BY BENEDICT XIV. FOR IMPARTING THE INDULGENCES.*

Sacérdos benedictúrus Numísmata Sancti Benedicti incipit absolúte.

℣. Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.
℟. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Exorcízo vos, Numísmata, per Deum Patrem ✠ Omnipoténtem, qui fecit cœlum et terram, mare et ómnia quæ in eis sunt. Omnis virtus adversárii, omnis exércitus diáboli, et omnis incúrsus, omne phantásma Sátanæ eradicáre et effugáre ab his Numismátibus, ut fiant ómnibus qui eis usúri sunt salus mentis et córporis, in nómine Patris ✠ Omnipoténtis, et Jesu ✠ Christi Fílii ejus Dómini nostri,

* During the Pontificate of the same Pope, permission was granted to publish the summary of Indulgences in any language; but the Sacred Congregation wished the Form of Blessing to be printed in Latin only.

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et Spíritûs Sancti ✠ Paráclíti, et in charitáte ejúsdem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et mórtuos et sæculum per ignem. ℟. Amen.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster, &c., *secr.*

℣. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

℟. Sed líbera nos a malo.

℣. Salvos fac servos tuos.

℟. Deus meus, sperántes in te.

℣. Esto nobis, Dómine, turris fortitúdinis.

℟. A fácie inimíci.

℣. Dóminus virtútem pópulo suo dabit.

℟. Dóminus benedícet pópulum suum in pace.

℣. Mitte eis Dómine auxílium de Sancto.

℟. Et de Sion tuére nos.

℣. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

℣. Dóminus vobíscum.

℟. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus Omnípotens, bonórum ómnium largítor, súpplices te rogámus, ut per intercessiónem Sancti Patris Benedícti, his sacris Numismátibus, líteris ac charactéribus a te designátis, tuam benedictiónem infúndas, ut omnes qui ea gestáverint ac bonis opéribus intenti fúerint, sanitátem mentis et córporis, et grátiam sanctificatiónis, atque indulgéntias nobis concéssas cónsequi mereántur, omnesque diáboli insídias et fraudes, per auxílium misericórdiæ tuæ effúgere váleant, et in conspéctu tuo sancti et immaculáti appáreant. Per Dóminum, &c. ℟. Amen.

Orémus.

Dómine Jesu Christe, qui voluísti pro totíus mundi redemptióne de Vírgine nasci, circumcídi, a Judæis reprobári, Judæ ósculo tradi, vínculis alligári, spinis coronári, clavis perforári, inter latrónes crucifígi, lánceâ vulnerári, et tandem in cruce mori; per hanc tuam sanctíssimam Passiónem humíliter exóro, ut omnes diabólicas insídias et fraudes expéllas

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ab eo, qui Nomen Sanctum tuum his líteris ac charactéribus a te designátis devótè invocáverit, et eum ad salútis portum perdúcere dignéris. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℟. Amen.

℣. Benedíctio Dei Patris ✠ Omnipoténtis, et Fí✠dii, et Spíritûs ✠ Sancti descéndat super hæc Numísmata, ac ea gestántes, et máneat semper, in nómine Pa✠tris, et Fí✠dii, et Spíritûs ✠ Sancti. Amen.

Deinde Sacérdos aspérgit Numísmata aquâ benedictâ.

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Chronology

OF THE LIFE OF THE MOST HOLY PATRIARCH SAINT BENEDICT.

(*From Hæften's "Disquis. Monast."*)

"His memory shall not depart away, and his name shall be in request from generation to generation."—Ecclus. xxxix.

(*The figures in parenthesis denote the age of St. Benedict.*)

YEAR.

480 (—). St. Benedict and his twin-sister, St. Scholastica, are born in Nursia, a town in the south of Italy: their father, Anicius Eupropius; their mother, Abundantia.

487 (7). St. Benedict is sent to Rome to study; his nurse, Cyrilla, accompanies him.

493 (13). God calling him to higher things, and the dangers of the world prompting him to leave it, he quits Rome to seek salvation and perfection in solitude; Cyrilla again accompanies him. On their way, in a little village thirty miles from Rome, he works a miracle to console Cyrilla.

494 (14). He leaves Cyrilla, and goes alone to Subiaco, a mountainous district, forty miles distant from Rome; meets a holy hermit named Romanus, from whom he asks and receives the religious habit; then going into a little cave amidst the rocks, dwells there in union with his God by prayer, unknown to all excepting St. Romanus, who brought him food.

497 (17). On the Easter Sunday of this year, a priest receives a command from God to visit this cave, and honour the youthful hermit.

Some neighbouring shepherds discover the saint.

He gains the noble victory over the spirit of impurity; and placing the lily of his chastity amidst thorns and nettles, he secures it against every temptation for the remainder of his life.

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509 (29). His sanctity becoming noised abroad, many men leave the world and put themselves under his spiritual guidance.

510 (30). After frequent refusals, he at last yields to the request of the monks of Vico-Varro, who besought him to become their abbot. As he had foretold them, they grow angry at his corrections; they seek to poison him; he returns to his dear solitude at Subiaco.

St. Maurus is born.

511 (31). During the next nineteen years, St. Benedict builds twelve monasteries on the Subiaco mountains.

515 (35). St. Placid is born.

522 (42). Sts. Maurus and Placid are brought to Subiaco by their parents, and receive from St. Benedict the monastic habit.

523 (43). St. Maurus, in obedience to St. Benedict, walks on the waters of the lake into which St. Placid had fallen, and saves him from being drowned.

529 (49). St. Benedict leaves Subiaco, and goes to Mount Cassino (about fifty miles south of Subiaco).

530 (50). He begins to build the monastery of Mount Cassino.

536 (56). He sends St. Placid into Sicily.

St. Benedict has the mysterious vision, in which God grants him the sight of the whole world brought together in one ray of the sun.

537 (57). St. Placid begins the monastery at Messina, in Sicily; he finishes it in four years.

539 (59). During a famine, St. Benedict distributes to the poor all the corn of the monastery; on the following day, he receives from Heaven, in return, 200 bushels of flour.

In hatred of Disobedience, and out of love for Charity, he works the miracle of the glass oil-jar.

Whilst he is at prayer with some of the brethren, an empty vessel, which was in the room, is miraculously filled with oil even to overflowing.

541 (61). St. Placid is martyred (probably in this year).

543 (63). King Totila, the barbarian, visits St. Benedict; receives his paternal reproach and prophecy.

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543 (63). On the 10th of January, St. Benedict sends St. Maurus into France.

On the 6th of February, he has the last conference with his sister, St. Scholastica.

On the 10th of February, he sees the soul of his sister St. Scholastica ascending to heaven under the form of a dove.

On the 16th of March, knowing that the hour of his death is near, he orders his grave to be opened.

On the 21st of March, at nine o'clock in the morning, standing in the chapel of his monastery of Mount Cassino, supported by his religious, he dies, in the sixty-third year of his age.

JESUS, MARÍA, JOSEPH,—BENEDÍCTUS, SCHOLÁSTICA,
ADSINT MIHI IN VITÂ MONÁSTICÂ:
NE DIÁBOLUS IN VÍTIA,
SUÂ ME TRAHAT VERSÚTIÂ.

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